

1980-1983-Branch & Executive Minutes - Forward Group

**archive items or items found in Correspondence – listed only*

RDF: Socialist Rights Defence Fund (R.D. suit against RCMP)

1980-Forward Group – Toronto

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| 1980-01Jan13 | Minutes of Branch: NDP election campaign, Metro NDP |
| 1980-02Feb3 | Minutes of Branch: NDP; Forward, Membership |
| 1980-03Mar10 | Minutes of Branch: NDP: election, Metro NDP |
| 1980-03Mar24a | Minutes of Branch: NDP Provincial Council, censure of Broadbent |
| 1980-04Apr7a | Minutes of Branch:Forward fund drive; NDP provincial convention |
| 1980-04Apr27 | Minutes of Branch: NDP Provincial Council, RCMP suit, anti-nuclear rally |
| 1980-05May11a | Minutes of Branch: Membership & Contacts |
| 1980-05May23 | Minutes of Branch: RCMP case, NDP Left Caucus |
| 1980-06June17 | Minutes of Branch:NDP Left Caucus |
| 1980-07July4 | Minutes of Branch:NDP convention, RCMP case |
| <i>*1980-08Aug22</i> | <i>Minutes of Branch: (illegible)</i> |
| 1980-08Aug22 | Minutes of Branch:NDP-Metro & Federal; SRDF, Forward |
| 1980-09Sept7 | Minutes of Branch:NDP Metro (Sewell campaign). Left Caucus, SRDF |
| 1980-09Sept22 | Minutes of Branch:Metro NDP, Labor |
| 1980-10Oct6 | Minutes of Branch: Metro NDP ridings, SRDF |
| 1980-10Oct19a | Minutes of Forward Group: Provincial Council NDP reports |
| 1980-11Nov9 | Minutes of FG: NDP Ward 6, Left Caucus, SRDF |
| 1980-11Nov23 | Minutes of FG: NDP municipal elections, SRDF case, Left Caucus |
| 1980-12Dec7a | Minutes of FG: NDP Provincial Council meeting, riding reports |
| <i>*1980-Dec31</i> | <i>Letter of resignation of D. Ritch</i> |

1981

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| 1981-01Jan4a | Minutes of FG: Membership, NDP Provincial Council |
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| 1981-01Jan18a | Minutes of FG: NDP riding reports, SRDF |
| 1981-01Jan21 | Minutes of FG: NDP Ward 6 & ridings, Educational classes |
| 1981-01Jan31 | Minutes of FG: NDP Ward 6-municipal & provincial election |
| 1981-03Mar2 | Minutes of FG: NDP, Trade Union, SRDF |
| 1981-03Mar23 | Minutes of FG: analysis of Ontario election defeat, Trade Unions, SRDF |
| <i>*1981-03Mar23</i> | <i>Minutes of FG: (duplicate by Art Grey – 4 pp)</i> |
| 1981-04Apr7a | Minutes of FG: Membership, Trade Union |
| 1981-04Apr10 | Forward discussions: On the NDP, Broadbent, Program, Left program |
| 1981-04Apr26a | Minutes of FG: Membership, NDP- Metro convention |
| 1981-05May11a | Minutes of FG: Fund Drive, Membership |
| 1981-06June1a | Meeting of FG: Educ\, Headquarters |
| 1981-06June15a | Minutes of FG: NDP (Sask.); NDP-Metro |
| 1981-07July8a | Minutes of FG: Membership, NDP Convention |
| 1981-07July20 | Minutes of FG: Forward, Educational, Left Caucus, NDP, SRDF |
| 1981-07July26 | Meeting with Luc Aujune re constituent assembly demand (Ottawa LC) |
| 1981-08Aug4a | Minutes of FG: Educational, NDP-Metro & riding reports |
| 1981-08Aug19 | Minutes of FG: SRDF, NDP Spadina by-election, Metro NDP |
| 1981-09Sept1 | Minutes of FG: NDP Metro & Left Caucus; SRDF, Poland, Forward |
| 1981-09Sept7a | Minutes of FG: Forward distribution, NDP Ward 6 |
| 1981-09Sept29 | Minutes of FG: RCMP, NDP ridings, Metro (incomplete) |
| 1981-10Oct6a | Minutes of FG: SRDF report, NDP leadership campaign |
| 1981-10Oct27a | Minutes of FG: NDP Ward 6, Metro; Educational on nuclear energy |
| 1981-11Nov6 | Minutes of FG: NDP Left Caucus (defectors), Educational |
| 1981-12Dec4a | Minutes of FG: NDP leadership campaign, Left Caucus, Educational |
| 1981-12Dec17a | Minutes of FG: NDP Provincial Council, Ridings, Teachers' Caucus |

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| 1982-01Jan8a | Minutes of FG: NDP Left Caucus; Educational |
| 1982-01Jan20a | Minutes of FG: NDP Left Caucus conference, NDP ridings |
| 1982-01Jan31a | Minutes of FG: RCMP case, NDP Left Caucus convention |
| 1982-02Feb14 | Minutes of FG: NDP convention assessment, Quebec (En Lutte), SRDF |
| 1982-02Feb25a | Minutes of FG: Ward 6 NDP |
| 1982-03Mar7a | Minutes of FG: NDP-Metro, NDP Left Caucus, Ward 6, SRDF |
| 1982-03Mar28 | Minutes of FG: NDP Johnson mayoralty issue; Poland |
| 1982-04Apr12 | Minutes of FG: NDP Metro convention, Provincial Council, SRDF |
| 1982-05May3 | Minutes of FG: NDP reports, Left Caucus |
| 1982-06June30 | Minutes of FG: NDP reports, SRDF, New business & Educational |
| 1982-07July21 | Minutes of FG: Left Caucus forum, NDP Metro antiwar, SRDF |
| 1982-08Aug4a | Minutes of FG: Poundmaker, NDP Left Caucus, Antiwar & Metro |
| 1982-08Aug20 | Minutes of FG: NDP mayoralty campaign, RCMP, Poland, HQ |
| 1982-09Sept1a | Minutes of FG: Metro NDP, Antiwar report, Membership |
| 1982-09Sept22 | Minutes of FG: Membership, NDP report, Left Caucus, Antiwar, SRDF |
| 1982-10Oct13 | Minutes of FG: NDP wards, Metro, Left Caucus, Membership |
| 1982-10Oct18a | Minutes of FG: NDP Provincial Council |
| 1982-11Nov3 | Minutes of FG: NDP anti-war report, NDP civic election, Law Union conf. |
| 1982-12Dec19 | Minutes of FG: Membership, Educational, NDP22 & Antiwar Cttee. |

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| 1983-01Jan16 | Minutes of FG: NDP Left Caucus Steering Cttee., Polish solidarity |
| 1983-01Jan26 | Minutes of FG: NDP Left Caucus conference, Polish work, SRDF |
| 1983-02Feb6 | Minutes of FG: Educational, Anti-war, Poland, Law Union |
| 1983-03Mar1a | Minutes of FG: Correspondence, Educational |

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| 1983-03Mar7 | Minutes of FG: Solidarity Support (Poland), Left Caucus, Anti-war |
| 1983-04 Apr6a | Minutes of FG: NDP report: Left Caucus statement, Federal convention |
| *1983-04 Apr9 | <i>Letter of resignation from FG & Solidarity Support Cttee. from Zane B.</i> |
| 1983-05May3 | Minutes of FG: Metro NDP & Left Caucus |
| 1983-05May19 | Minutes of FG: NDP Manifesto report, RCMP suit, Educational |
| 1983-06June13 | Minutes of FG: Membership, NDP Left Caucus, Convention, SRDF |
| 1983-06June23 | Minutes of FG: NDP Left Caucus Western Manifesto, Morgentaler |
| 1983-08Aug3 | Minutes of FG: Membership, NDP Antiwar Cttee., Left Caucus |
| 1983-08Aug99b | Minutes of FG: <i>(page 1 missing)</i> p.2: NDP Left Caucus, Anti-war |
| 1983-09Sept5 | Minutes of FG: Membership, Labor Day report, Antiwar Cttee. Report |
| 1983-09Sept21a | Minutes of FG: Membership, Left Caucus report |
| 1983-09Sept21b | Minutes of FG: Anti-war Cttee., Dowson suit on CTV series, (Polish) Solidarity |
| 1983-10Oct10 | Minutes of FG: NDP Left Caucus report & convention, Polish solidarity |
| 1983-10Oct27a | Minutes of FG: Membership, Dowson RCMP suit, Solidarity, Left Caucus |
| 1983-11Nov17 | Minutes of FG: <i>(illegible)</i> NDP, Notes by R.D. re week's events |
| 1983-12Dec4a | Minutes of FG: Membership, & contacts; Left Caucus Steering Cttee. |

MINUTES OF BRANCH MEETING -- JAN. 13, 1980: 2:35 P.M.

1. Chairperson: Dave P. Secretary: Gord.
2. Minutes: m/c to adopt minutes of Dec. 2/79
3. Attendance: Present -- Wayne, Ross, Ellie, Gord, John G., Dave P.
absent with reason: Harry K.
4. Membership and Contacts:
 - report on Ed Reese by Wayne -- Ed brings contacts around us and is eager to start classes
 - report on post-convention meeting of Left Caucus -- generally good spirit
5. Elections:
 - assessment of NDP campaign -- not very inspiring (undifferentiated from bourgeois parties)
 - reports on election meetings by comrades
 - opening in Downsview riding campaign -- tied into demonstration vs. oil companies (with Forward Group and Broadbent scheduled to speak)
6. NDP:
 - Gord reported on postponement of MTAC convention (till May) and deadline for resolutions (till Mar. 21)
 - report that Metro Newsletter is now out -- MTAC attempting to popularize municipal politics
 - report on Ward 6 -- Ward 6 Community Organization is losing Sparrow as alderman (stepping down) and a crisis exists
7. Financial Report:
 - by Gord
 - m/c to adopt Mar. 15 as FFD beginning of campaign date and \$5000 as tentative target
8. Break for Dues and Pledges
9. Educational on Afghanistan
10. Forward:
 - m/c that deadlines be as follows
 - first-Wed. Jan. 16
 - second-Fri. Jan. 18
 - dead deadline-Mon. Jan. 21
11. New Business:
 - report by Gord on OSSTF District 16 -- left wing candidates defeated ~~for~~ bid to represent district at annual assembly
 - report by Ross on 40 Homewood residents' fight on zoning bylaws -- Ross to speak on behalf of property owners

MINUTES OF BRANCH MEETING -- FEB. 3, 1980: 2:40 P.M.

1. Chairperson: Bob K. Secretary: Gord.
2. Minutes: m/c to adopt minutes of Jan. 13, 1980
3. Attendance: Present -- Harry K., Ross, Bob K., Gord, Dave P.
4. Membership and Contacts:
 - problem to call meeting for Sunday
 - error to go to press without discussion of problems of Afghanistan and NDP campaign in branch
 - m/c to organize a meeting of NDP contacts for next Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at Action Print
5. NDP:
 - m/c to circulate letter of protest to Broadbent via Left Caucus mailing list -- Harry K. to organize this if Wayne can't (through Blessdale)
 - reports on NDP campaigns -- review of political level and possibilities of circulating protest letter
 - review of NDP North York rally
 - report on Ont. Left Caucus meeting in March -- should be reported to next Sunday's meeting
6. Forward:
 - discussion of problems of sufficient participation by comrades in putting out paper
 - discussion of our position on Afghanistan and how it was arrived at without a branch meeting
7. RCMP:
 - update by Ross and Harry K.
8. New Business:
9. Adjournment at 4:35 p.m.

MINUTES OF TORONTO BR. FORWARD GROUP - MONDAY MAR. 10/80 at 8:45 PM

Chair: John D. Sec: John D.

Minutes: Minutes of last meeting not available.

Attendance: Homily not informed, Dave working, Dale at meeting, Present: Gord, Ross, Wayne, Ellie, John, Harry K.

Membership:

Re classes, Ross reported an IS pamphlet is available which would be very suitable for a series of 3 or 4 classes. Harry reported on basic Marxist economics of pamphlet. Decided to hold 3 classes, starting March 21, continuing April 4 and 18, two week intervals. First to be given by Harry, who is also co-ordinator, followed by Ellie and Gord. First class to be held at John's, notice to go out.

NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY:

- 1) Wayne and Ellie reported on trip to BC and developments in the left there.
 - 2) Harry reported on his riding
 - 3) Report on lack of preparation for coming MTAC conference.
 - 4) Ellie reported on Ward ~~xxx~~ 6 Exec. meeting
 - 5) Ross reported on reaction to federal election, Gord reported on his riding.
- Discussion on possibility of pushing anti-NATO position. Ross to contact Kay McPherson through Sherwood to see if she will move.

Alliance of Non-Zionist Jews:

Red Gord reported on conference planned with Arab organization.

Court Case: Short discussion on status of campaign of SRDF.

Next Meeting: discussion on best night for meetings. Decision to meet Monday night, next scheduled for March 24.

Adjournment: at 11:00 pm

Adopted as read April 17/80

Minutes of Branch Meeting: Mar. 24, 1980 8:45 p.m.

① Chairperson: Wayne. Secretary: Gord.

② Attendance: Wayne, Harry, Gord, Ross

A.W.N.: Ellie. Late: Bob K.

— report on Art Gray — mother died & Ross to attend funeral

③ Contacts:

- report on disintegration of RWL
- correspondence

④ NDP

— provincial council mtg.

— main discussion will be on industrial strategy

— Hopkins & Laughren are not opposing leadership's position

— Simon may ~~be~~ lack support on his counter-report.

— left fight is up in the air.

— m/c to urge Simon to go ahead with counter-report.

— possible that Dovercourt will be putting forward a motion of censure vs. Broadbent's cold war stance.

— m/c to put a motion of censure of Cassidy for making NDP appear as Tory supporter.

— MTAC we remain opposed to endorsing Sewell

- ⑤ **Classes:**
- report by Harry K. on structure of class
 - report by Ross on mailing for class.
 - Gord to give short intro. to class. - what Forward Group is, structure & goals of classes.

- ⑥ **ANZS:**
- report on steering ctee. by Harry K.
 - projected annual membership conf. on May 25 to adopt constitution & steering ctee & concept of a journal.

- ⑦ **OSSTF:**
- report by Gord on recent Annual Assembly
 - report by Gord on proposal to build a united left campaign among Scar-teachers.

- ⑧ **Branch Meetings:**
- m/c to hold meetings at 8:30 p.m.

- ⑨ **Adjournment at 11:00 p.m.**

Adopted as read Aug 21/70

Minutes of Branch Mtg — Apr. 7/80. 8:55 p.m.

- (1) Chair: Harry. Sec: Gord.
- (2) Attendance: a.w.r. — Dale, John D. (sick), Bob K., Dave P.
present: Gord, Ross, Ellie, Alice, Harry K., Wayne.

- (3) Minutes: — m/c to adopt minutes of Branch mtg on Mar. 14/80.
— m/c to defer reading of Mar. 24/80 mtg.

- (4) Membership & Contacts:
— evaluation of 1st class — criticism centred on
necessity to emphasize politics
of Marxist economic theory.

(5) Forward Fund Drive.

- m/c to adopt objective of \$5,000 for June 1/80.
— m/c to announce FFD in this issue & put out a letter
— m/c that Gord be in charge.

- (6) NDP:
— discussion of provincial convention & resolutions meeting
— Harry K. to present a schematic resolⁿ on Industrial
Strategy to his riding & Ellie to help Harry draft it.
— report on Dovercourt initiative for left caucus (for Apr. 19)
— m/c that comrades try to pass Dovercourt resolⁿ to
censure Broadbent leadership at Provincial Council
— resolutions to be raised on ~~Que. & R.M.P.~~ Que., nationalizⁿ.
low price, state housing on mass scale; necessity for NDP to support moves to bring
down govt

- m/c that Harry K. contact Turk re getting resolⁿ
censuring Cassidy leadership for putting NDP in posⁿ of supporting
govt when it is being challenged ⇒ supporting Liberal motion of
non-confidence.

— assessment of MTAC Convention

⑦ Quebec Meeting on Sovereignty-Association:
— report by Wayne

⑧ JRDF Case:

- report by Harry K. on progress
- moving to force Attorney-Gen. to lay criminal charges vs. RCMP (i.e. Paul Copeland as co-counsel).

⑨ OSSTF:

- report by Lord on progress of 1st date in Scar.

⑩ Forward:

- necessary to get articles in by Tues. night

⑪ New Business:

- NDP Women's Conference in Kitchener — Roz's & Colli going

⑫ Adjournment at 10:45 p.m.

Adopted April 27/80

Chair: Gord

Secretary: John

Attendance: Ellie, Wayne out of town AWR: Homily, Dave P.

P Present: Ross, Harry Gord John & Dale

Minute: Minutes of March 10, March 24 and April 7 adopted as read.

Membership & Contacts: Report by Ross and Gord on last of series of classes, which was postponed due to poor attendance. M/C to re-schedule last class to next Friday May 2. Notice to be sent John to introduce Gord.

NDP: Dale reported on Provincial Council Meeting and Left Caucus which signals unheralded crisis in Ontario party. Right wing leadership isolated as left scored victories on motion to censure Broadbent for his pro-~~war~~ war stances during election, on Quebec, for recognition of right to self-determination and a policy of negotiations with Quebec after the referendum. Left also only narrowly defeated on challenge to industrial strategy resolution, passed by right wing maneuvers.

Cassidy exposed as bankrupt leader. Left caucus attracting new elements, who underwent education thru discussion on nationalization as key element in industrial strategy position of the left

Discussion on firming up left for caucus meetings in Metro and around province in preparation for federal convention.

Discussion on mounting a partial slate at convention.

Gord supplemented report. M/C Wayne should contact Turk to make sure moves are made to left caucus meeting to be held.

Ross reported on Ward 6 - St. George meeting at which his resolutions filibustered by riding Ward executive, CO bigshots challenged with position that NDP present 2 candidates, Layton CO candidacy challenged and put into question by vigorous questioning of his party loyalty. Ellie and Ross at meeting challenged Gays to run NDP candidate in lieu of supporting Hislop.

Ward 6 resolution against support of any non-NDP candidate passed.

FOR WARD; latest issue off, will try to circulate in Quebec. Disagreement Distribution at nuclear rally yesterday and at Mudpie party last weekend.

Forward Fund Drive: Gord reported that drive not yet launched, but comrades should pick pledge now. Central importance of press emphasized.

RCMPX: Ross reported on the lax filing of charges against Ont Attorney-General McMurtry for failing to charge RCMP after it admitted to breaking the law in Ont. Extensive TV, radio and press coverage obtained, with support of Paul Copeland who helped in case. RCMP and Atto-Gen intervened in case and it has been adjourned until June 26. Sven Robinson of BC, justice shadow cabinet minister has supported SIEDF campaign urging funds, and Pierre Burton has supported case. Large mailing and ad campaign now planned.

CARAL: Ross reported that John Glenn had attended conference last weekend, where it changed wording of its name. He is on executive.

New Business: Small demo of 500-1000 including diverse forces at antiNuclear rally, some for moratorium, some anti-nuclear per se, some petty-bourgeois environmentalist types. Good destruction of Forward --Gord reported on his riding, teachers negotiations, possibility that prov. gov't may intervene, break with sectarian Maoist elements in left caucus.

--Dale reported Naomi Joliffe expelled from NDP for being RWL candidate. Discussion, we will oppose expulsion.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday night in 2 weeks.

ADJOURNMENT: at 10:30 PM

Adopted as read from 23/80

Minutes of Branch Meeting - May 11/80: 9:10 p.m.

① Chairperson: Wayne. Sec: Gord.

② Attendance:
- meeting was called ^{for tonight} without much preparation ~~and~~
because of long meeting next weekend.
- a.w.r.: Dale R.,
- absent: Harry K., John D.,
- present: Ross, Wayne, Gord, Dave, Ellie.

③ Minutes:
- previous set not found - deferred

④ Branch Nights:
- to be held every other Friday
- next one on May 23.

⑤ Membership & Contacts:
- assessment of last class
- modest success
- Ellie raised issue ~~of~~ that 3-class series is too long & should be limited to 2

- m/c to hold class socials ~~every other Fri.~~
~~starting~~ June 13 & June 27.

- propositions for classes:

① Industrial Strategy - NDP position
- Chrysler takeover

② Nationalism - Welch nationalism & socialism
- debate in left caucus
- Clements on "Continental Corporate Power"

- ③ Socialism: Utopian & Scientific
- ④ Social Democracy in Sweden

⑥ NDP:

- discussion of Ward 6 (For.) situation
 - consensus that we not put forward second candidates - not realistic for any of us to run
 - we should make the record by calling for another candidate

- ONDP
 - report on protest to Cassidy's support of Lib - Tory position of opposition to negotiating with Que. on sovereignty - association
 - report that Wayne & Ellie are att. & deleg. to convention
 - Wayne reported on development of left caucus in Hamilton
 - Dave is a delegate.

⑦ Forward Fund Drive:

- About \$1,000 has been pledged to date
- letter & division of contact - list names to be handed out by next branch meeting

⑧ RWL:

- report on split in RWL - split back along RMG-LSA lines

⑨ New Business:

- RCMP case → it appears that Operation Checkmate was directed entirely vs. Trotskyists.
- Ross is presenting xeroxes of news reports on duty tricks to comrades for recollections

⑩ Adjournment at 11:00 p.m.

Adopted mm 23/80

MEETING OF FORWARD GROUP, Friday, May 23, 1980 at 8:30 PM

Chair: Harry K

Secretary: John D.

Attendance: AWR: Dave P. on shift.

Present Harry K., John D., Dale R., Wayne R., Ellie K., Ross D., Homily K., Gord D.

Minutes: Minutes of meetings of April 27 and May 11/80 adopted as read.

Contacts: Ross reported on bookstore contact Tom Morris.

Wayne reported on Ed Reese. M/C to recruit him and invite him to next meeting.

Decided Wayne organize a comrade to approach him.

Homily reported on Leslie, Ross reported that Art Grey moving to Toronto in July.

RCMP Case. Harry reported on case ~~xxxx~~ re our motion to force charges against RCMP by Ont.

Attorney General for dirty tricks committed in this province. Both sides ready ~~xxxx~~ for appeal against judgement disallowing our statement of claim against RCMP.

Reported dirty tricks published evidence now available.

New Action challenging McDonald to allow us to appear before Commission and call witnesses will be heard June 2nd. Paul Copeland may intervene in support of us, also involves Praxis, Waffle, Roseie Douglas and labor movement.

--Action is ~~pl~~ planned by Riddell and Dowson on behalf of LSA members against charges that LSA was subversive, as dirty tricks transcript shows RCMP ~~xxxx~~ was out to destroy that movement.

--Discussion on ~~ESA~~ desire to participate in anti-dirty tricks campaign and desire to collaborate with Forward Group.

--Report on Sven Robinson's initial negative reaction because of red-baiting of SRDF letter publicizing his support, and subsequent reconsideration and support.

NDP Dale reported on Left Caucus meeting: first one had 25.

Discussion on desirability of an Industrial Strategy ~~counter-de~~ counter-document or presentation of a series of amendments to leadership resolution.

--Homily presented main ideas of series of amendments he worked out with Turk and others to rid leadership's document of its class contradictions by replacing its pro-private enterprise sections with a pro-planned socialist economy line.

---M/C to adopt this strategy of presenting a series of amendments rather than a complete counter-document.

q Discussion on ~~issue~~ of Cassidy leadership and possibility of running left candidates for various ~~posts~~ posts, possibly provincial secretary, key executive posts.

Brief ~~disc~~ discussion of specific candidates.

Homily, Wayne and Harry K will attend next left caucus meeting to carry line.

--Homily reported on research work for bulletin exposing Broadbent's departure from party policy.

--Ross reported on his and Wayne's attempts to get Ward 6 exec. to open meeting for nomination of two candidates for aldermen, which was frustrated by bureaucratic maneuver by Tomscak.

--coming MTAC exec. meeting June 6 will be scene of confrontation if leadership tries to dump party membership as criteria of party support for municipal candidates.

FORWARD:

Edit. Board meeting set for Tuesday.

Educational: M/C we delay class socials to Friday June 27th and Friday July 11th.

M/C to hold first class on theme of industrial democracy/workers control

M/C to hold second on the Second Clements book, topic "The ~~Contain~~ Continental Corporate Power". Homily and Ross volunteered for the first and second topics respectively.

Harry K. reported on Wilson heights NDP party tomorrow night at Autoworkers Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 PM

Adopted on June 17/80

Minutes Forward Group June 17, 1980

attendance--- present Gord, Wayne, Ross, Bob K., Leslie ^{by invitation} Harry

John D., Dale R. Ellie---Dave P working

Minutes of May 23 read and adopted as read

Forward- Wayne reported on our inability to get Forward off in i time to use it for the Ont NDP convention--paper going ahead

Fund Drive- RD reported that he had sent comrades lists of names that he thought they could best contact for contribution to drive.

NDP-- Kashe^v reported on discussion and preparation ~~form~~ of document that the left caucus will circulate for the convention manufacturing strategy debate which will be central to the convention. Discussion at recent meeting was on the merit of the Toronto omnibus resolution versus the three ammendments proposed by Sudbury. Agreed that e we would support the omnibus resolution

Agreed that we press the left caucus to win as many executive positions as possible

Agreed that we ~~present that~~ we take a position of opposition to the Ont NDP parliamentary caucus's support of Bill 89

New Business- Harry report on the breakdown of the last meeting of the Alliance on Non-Zionist Jews. Agreed the Gord contact Meslin to discuss our orientation to AN-Z J . Harry reported on our suit against the RCMP --will not come before the court until September. On June 26 our attempt to force the Ont Attorney-general to lay charges against the RCMPers who have admitted violation of the law comes before Judge Allen--we are prepared with Copeland playing a big role

Minutes adopted as read July 4/80

Minutes of meeting of Forward Group Jly 4, 1980 at 8:30 PM

Chair and secretary: John D.

and Leslie

Attendance: Harry arrived late, as did Homily, Dale absent at NDP nomination meeting

Dave P. not arrived. Present: John D., Ross, Ellie, Gord, Wayne

Minutes of meeting of June 17 adopted as read.

Membership & Contacts: Discussion on first educational given by Homily.

M/C that Ed Reese be invited to attend next meeting as a member, following report of his acceptance to join ~~by xxx~~ ^{by} Wayne.

NDP - Convention. Wayne led off report on evaluation of convention which moved to the right and warded off crisis of Cassidy leadership by the swing of the Ont. brass and labor behind him. Witnessed degeneration of leftists like Heap & Rodriguez who see themselves as centre conciliations.

Left Caucus effective but not as well organized as at Federal convention. Left to hold regional conferences ~~around~~ in five or six regions outside Toronto, and as well in Toronto in near future.

Shadow of Ont. election this fall in which NDP will fare badly over convention. Leaders like Turk not willing to contest leadership posts, but left Caucus held meetings of up to 200.

Discussion on defeat of left's attempt to run a so-called "balanced" or partial slate of four.

RCMP Case: Ross reported on appearance before Judge Allen, when case delayed to early Sept. awaiting Ontario or federal attorneys-general moving against indictable RCMP's. Have responded to Sven Robinson's requests for accounting of expenditures, etc., and will go ahead with publicity soon.

FORWARD: All copy to be in tomorrow, layout to be started. Hope to get issue off by weekend.

NEW BUSINESS: Ross reported that Fund Drive not off the ground yet.

Next Friday second class will be held at John D's.

Ross: ~~Book~~ Dale has asked for formal decision to discuss with Swedish SOC-Dem Party member before he leaves. Meeting to be set up next week.

ADJOURNMENT: at 10:50 @M

MINUTES OF FORWARD GROUP,
Meeting of Friday, August 22, at 8:30 PM

1450(?)

Chairman: Bob K.

Secretary: John D.

Attendance: present: Bob K., John D., Ross D., Gord D., Harry K.

Dale unable to come, Wayne & Ellie still on holidays, Art not moved to Toronto yet, ~~no~~ no report on Dave or Ed R.

Educationals: M/C to delay educational by Ross on Afghanistan until next meeting.

Contacts: Ross reported on young Ironworker George R., union activist met in store, interested in RCMP lawsuit and Forward.

Calvin J. made a donation of \$100, \$50 to SRDF.

NDP: Ross reported on St. George Garden Party with good attendance but not good for contact work. Ward Six to hold meeting Wed. 27th, and a Municipal election conference in the first week of Sept — good draft program circulated, written by Heap.

Sewell reported to have won Labor Council endorsement.

Harry reported moves against him for not supporting motion rescinding criticism of Broadbent, subsequent isolation in Executive.

Harry contacted Turk re left caucus meeting, to be held in early Sept.

Bob K. reported on organizing Ward 5 despite opposition in Bellwoods to running on label. Good prospects for NDP there.

Gord reported on North York where question of running on label open to debate still.

Socialist Rights Defence Fund

Ross reported central case hearing delayed again to early October. Report on proposed publication of a pamphlet outlining the entire case with funds from sale of Hatfield books. Ross outlined contents, presenting fundamental facts of case, reprints of Forward articles, Krever Case, and latest dirty tricks.

Big openings in support from all sections of the NDP except in BC.

Support from French edition of En Lutte, replies from 7 who clipped the information coupon plus \$9 from En Lutte bookstore in Montreal.

M/C we proceed with publication of pamphlet.

Harry reported that he and Copeland meeting Sept. 3 to press for laying of charges against RCMP, with support from Keable Commission.

Law & Union news has also published major article publicizing case.

Educationals: Harry raised question of public forum on issues like Poland M/C to refer to next meeting since low level of group activity poses questions of organization. M/C that Harry give an internal on legal tactics and the socialist movement at a future meeting.

Financial: Gord to remind comrades of their lists of financial contacts since our bank balance is near the zero point already.

Forward: Edit Board meeting date to be arranged when Wayne gets back.

Labor Day distributions to be made in Toronto, Hamilton and Sudbury (Bob and Leslie) and possibly in London (Ruth Bleasdale, Gord to contact), Oshawa and Ottawa (Anne.)

M/C Ross to synchronize distributions.

John and Ross distributed about 400 copies to John Inglis workers last week.

Adjournment: M/c at 10:45 PM

chair: Bo^l

secty: John D.

Attendance: Ed Reese not able to attend, Ellie & Wayne ~~at~~ not back, Dale Absent, Harry late.

~~Memberships~~

Membership: & Contacts: Short discussion on Leslie.

Minutes: of previous meeting not located.

Labor Day Forward distribution:

Ross reported he and Ed Reese did good dist. for Hamilton and latest SRDF leaflet.
Gord reported he, Harry John D. and Dave. distri. in Toronto. Bob reported no parade in Sudbury.

Forward Report: Wayne not yet back to Edit Bd will be ~~in~~ held next week.

NDPI Ross reported on Ward ⁶ NDP meeting, where defeated by right wing and Heap to allow identification with Sewell. Ross reported Dover court ~~passed~~ sent good resolution urging Broad' ent to ~~solidarize~~ ^{support socialist democracy} with Polish workers struggle while he is vacati^{ng} there. Gord reported on his riding. Harry on his.

MTAC: Discussion on our policy on Sewell in view of Labor council endorsement -- as ~~movement~~ ^{he is not an NDP'er and not accountable to the NDP, will would vote for him as individuals against right mayoralty candidates but oppose NDP support. Sewell not supporting open NDP label candidates, instead Hislop and community candidates.}

Left Caucus: Bob reported discussion with Simon, who says most ~~groups~~ ^{groups} outside Metro Toronto have had meetings to evaluate convention. Simon ~~riding~~ ^{riding} as Bd. of Ed Trustee on NDP label which is a first for NDP there. Gord reported on Gandell document on Left Caucus (views of Panithal group, Ottawa)

M/C to postpone this weeks educational that it be the first item of business on next meetings agenda.

Trade Union Mvt.: Ross reported on leaflet at labor day parade involving Majeski and Dave Johnson in move toward Canadian Building trades central.

OFL to hold Oct. 218 demonstration against layoffs and runaway plants

Assessment of labor day parade: except for militant Chilean section, dead.

Poland: short discussion on significance of Polish events.

Forward Fund Drive: M/c to send out urgent letter to people not yet contacted for pledges.

New Business: Fall meeting time: Every other Sunday evening at 8: 15 PM until cold weather comes.

SRDF campaign: Ross reported that 2 statements of support have been received from Atwood and Peter McLaren. Proofs of new pamphlet on case are in Ruby's hands for writing of foreword. Harry reported on case to lay charges against RCMP dirty tricks have broadened to BC

RWL: ~~Ross~~ Ross reported that last issue of Socialist Voice indicates they are moving back to Montreal again and that two Lutte Ouvrieres to be appearing, the other from the old Montreal ~~xxxx~~ ^{RWL faction} RMG elements. Toronto ~~HQ~~ HQ being liquidated, and we are investigating taking over the old ~~RWG~~ HQ at 334 Queen West by the bookstore and Action Print.

Adjournment: at 11 PM ^{RWL}

Adopted as corrected Oct 6/80

MINUTES OF FORWARD GROUP TORONTO SEPT. 22, Sunday, at 8:20 PM

Chair: Ellie

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Secty: John D

Agenda: adopted as proposed

Attendance: Homily not informed (but was phoned just before meeting and showed up later) Ed Reece not able to attend, Harry K. late. AWR: Dale, Dave.

Membership & contacts: Ross reported on St. George riding contact.

Minutes: Minutes of 2 meetings previous not yet located

Minutes of Sept. 7 read for information (not typed)

Business arising out of minutes: Discussion on future use of 334 Queen St, with RWL had led nowhere.

Correspondence: Ross reported letter from Vancouver contact who wishes to be Vancouver correspondent for Forward. M/C to table to discuss with Wayne.

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Educational: Ross on In Defence of Marxism, defence of the degenerate workers' states, with emphasis on Polish events.

NDP: Ross reported on St. George meeting this week on Women's Rights - Bounsell to speak, Thurs Sept. 25

Ellie reported as delegate to recent MTAC conference: she, Dale & Tomschak won vote to delete an opening to urge NDPers to vote for Sewell. Discussion on arguments urging Heap to recognize danger of Sewell undercutting his own campaign.

Report on MTAC Gay discussion where motion for Education Liaison Committee was put on ice, Argue pulling back

Gord reported on Ted Bounsell position & MTAC position against any kind of public subsidies to private schools.

Labor: Ross reported on conversation with Chris Thurrot on McDermott's declaration of war against the international building trades unions over their CLC dues withholding.

Forward: Wayne not available until Wed. clippings not yet sorted. Set Wed. preliminary meeting

New Business: Ross reported water damage to bookstore and print shop. About \$500 worth of books lost.

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SRDF campaign: Endorsements coming in from labor councils now. Ruby has not yet written intro to planned pamphlet.

Adjournment: at 10:30 PM

Adopted as read out 6/80

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MINUTES of Forward Group, Oct. 6, Monday, at 8:30 PM

Chair: Bob K.

Secretary: John D.

tendance: Art G. home for weekend, Wayne teaching, Dave ~~XXXXXX~~ AWR, Dale working on elections.

Agenda: Adopted as amended.

Membership & Contacts: Gord g brought up cases of Harr P., Calvin, and Alice, Bill M. for discussion re their membership status. Discussion, M/C that we drop Calvin, Harry P. and Alice from membership rolls --notification not necessary.

Minutes: Minutes of Sept. 7 adopted as corrected.

Minutes of Sept. 22 adopted as read.

Educational: Bob K. on the Labor left in Britain.

NDP Ellie ~~xxxx~~ reported on Ward 6, where ^{OPPORTUNISTS} right wing won endorsation for Sewall in concerted campaign at meeting. Factual article reporting on Sewell in Ward 6 paper which we are distributing.

Ross reported on St. George meeting where he raised MTAC decision on Sewall in the course of a report by Argue, who reported the facts fully to the dismay of the right wing. Ross reported his refusal to carry Sewell lit was accepted in riding.

Left Caucus: need meeting for Prov. Council meeting. Discussion on scheduling it.

Trade Union: Gord reported on OSSTF endorsation of Oct 18/^{OFL} BDL protest day, and that he is designated to help organize it.

Discussion on PSAC strike in progress.

Forward: Edit Bd meeting held last Sunday, first deadline 14th.

Fund Drive: holding letter appealing for pledges ~~xxx~~ until next issue has been published.

SRDF campaign: On Oct 23rd ~~u~~ there will be an attempt to get Judge Allan to charge the RCMP. If it is put off again we may issue a mandamus on Nov. 3 to force Allan to move.

More money coming in from labor councils in BC

RWL: Harry reported on meetings last weekend in Montreal in connection with their case, along with lawyers from the SWP and a French lawyer over RWL'ers being consistently fired from their jobs obviously as a result of RCMP intervention. Discussion, decision that Harry write a letter urging them to undertake defence action even if he/we are not able or invited to intervene.

Next Meeting: M/C to leave open. Ellie to research question of recent evolution of women's movement for possible educational.

A^U jourment: at 10:30 pm.

Minutes of Forward Group Meeting, Sunday, Oct. 19, 1980, evening.

Chairman, Bob K. Secretary, Art Gray.

An agenda drawn up by Ross D. was approved.

Minutes of the meeting of October 6 were read by the secretary and approved with one correction.

Attendance - Dave P. was not contacted. Gord D. will be late. John D. did not make it.

Membership and Contacts - Mac Laren, a contact through the Socialist Rights Defense Fund, an author, helped distribute at the demonstration. He is an enthusiastic person. Ross phoned him Friday.

Forward - the deadlines have not been met. Now Tuesday, October 21st will be first deadline, Friday October 24th the second. There will have to be another editorial board meeting, perhaps on Wednesday. There is pressure on us to get a new issue of the paper out.

NDP - Wayne reported on the two day meeting of the NDP Provincial Council. Gord was also there. Debate centered round presentation of themes for the next provincial election. Slogans will now be worded in the jargon of the advertising business. Discussion of the shape of billboards to be used on the posters consumed half an hour.

Issues must be seen as important, and solvable, and the party must be seen as different from the others. Issues must have these three aspects. People need reassurance. The chosen issues are women, health and job security.

The Sudbury group [Floyd Laughlin, Simon Rosenbloom] wanted "resources" added. They were told resources were not an issue. The opposition made a good statement, which will be run in Forward, and got 40% of the floor vote for its amendment. People feel insecure because of layoffs.

It was a demoralized meeting. People are just following the leadership, but the leaders have no perspective. They think they will win by copying the Liberals and Tories. The bye-election in Hamilton was pictured as a success.

(Ellie) Wayne and Gord should report to their ridings. Also Simon's statement should be circulated to ridings.

(Wayne) The membership, about 26,000, has been static since 1967. About a sixth of it turns over each year. The planned campaign will cost \$900,000 and the present membership cannot

fund so large a campaign. The left did not amount to much there. Heap and Turk have cancelled the next Left Caucus meeting for Toronto. Dovecourt people oppose a strong Left Caucus.

(Leslie) People in Dovecourt accept Turk's position that a Left Caucus is premature.

(Wayne) Dale thinks we should go ahead without the Dovecourt group.

(Ellie) - People veer off at mention of a structure. The determined faction is extremely small. We have credibility in the ridings but this could easily be destroyed.

(Ross) - We have to be a little bolder. To not move at all is to lose. We have to give people some perspective. We need to prepare for Provincial Council meetings, for instance. There is no atmosphere for a witch hunt just now.

(Dad) We could use the Left Caucus newsletter to discuss Simon's document.

(Ellie) Maw Sandall is a key person. Simon has no real base and little leadership ability. Turk and Heap could create a boycott situation for us if they wished to.

(Ross) - Some people want to move, and are looking for a response. Turk keeps the lid on. We don't want to fight Turk and Heap directly. We must take modest initiatives. Turk might even go along.

Following discussion
MOTION

BY WAYNE, in three parts.

① We accept deferment of meeting of the Toronto Left Caucus only till after the municipal election.

② Simon Rosenblum wants to do the next mailing. We will phone Simon to take it to Sudbury.

③ There is a Federal Convention of the NDP in B.C. in June. We must use it for a general meeting of pan-Canadian left adherents; also a meeting of the Left Caucus must precede this.

Carried Unanimously.

Metro Campaign - Harry Kopyto was defeated as delegate to Provincial Council, and then as alternate. This riding is dominated by right wingers. There has been no influx of members and the situation has hardened. Harry will shift membership to another riding.

Normie and Leslie are moving into St David's riding.

(Ross) at an organization meeting of the Ward 6 NDP, Ross came into

conflict with the Heaps.

Socialist Rights Defense Fund - ^(Ross) The case is taking off, there is escalating support from labour councils. The ad has been picked up by more papers, including Clarion and Commonwealth. Clayton Ruby has written an excellent introduction for the pamphlet.

(Harry Kopyto) - We got assessed \$800. on the case. We should have some fund raising event.

(Ross) - We have not won any of the media people, except Pierre Burton and Margaret Attwood. The immediate problem is the pamphlet.

(Gord) The pamphlet will need to have a union label.

NEW BUSINESS - The rally of the OFL at Queen's Park, Saturday, Oct. 18, was a major event, one newscast claimed 12,000 marchers. Ross ran off a leaflet on the case, and 4,000 copies were distributed. There were buses from all over. Our distribution was excellent.

(Art Gray) The demand to halt plant closures is really a transitional demand. The government cannot ~~really~~ do it.

Ross had been told by Dale of a solidarity meeting with the striking library workers, at which Sewell was denounced. Harry may be retained as that union's lawyer.

✓ CARAL - The CARAL has new persons in it, is active and has cross-Canada connections.

Adjournment, 10⁵⁰ P.M.

Minutes of Forward Group Meeting, Sunday, Nov. 9, 1980.

JOHN DARLING

Chairman, ~~Book~~ Secretary, Art Gray. An agenda was adopted.

ATTENDANCE - Wayne, Ellie can't come. Ed Reed could not be contacted. Dave Pistle absent. Dale is on municipal election work.

MINUTES - of Oct 19 meeting were read and accepted.

NDP

(Municipal). Keap waged a ~~good~~ principled campaign, and now opposes the Homewood Ave. development and indicates a phump vote. Ward 6 is a tight situation. There are more NDP running in suburban municipalities, and more are open, but some are not acceptable to various unions. There is an NDP municipal program, the candidates use parts of it. Campaign is more openly NDP because CP and Reform Metro have faded and people identify reform with the NDP. There are very few leftists, CP candidates in wards 2 and 4, a "socialist" opponent of Mel Lastman.

A municipal election article for Forward can hardly be written now.

MEMBERSHIP AND CONTACTS - Dave Tomacizek, a friend of Wayne and Ellie. Bernard Coffey, a former ~~KS~~ ^{RWP} member many years ago, has retained our essential views.

LEFT CAUCUS - Jim Tuck proposed a Left Caucus meeting in late November. Homily will phone again and volunteer to help with the mailing for it.

UNIONS - OFL Convention is coming. Building Trades leaders are being ruined by the issue of Canadian autonomy. We must move more into union matters.

DUES AND PLEDGES -

S.R.D.F. - Presentation of the case was blocked by Ontario attorney general on legally untenable arguments. There will be an appeal Nov. 26. Professor Hewitt volunteered to help, and CCLA will be pushed to take up the case. Rossard Harry got a 20 minute interview on 'Morningside' radio program of Don Herron. Ian Adams may write on the case. The pamphlet is now going ahead. The Los Companeros group might be willing to perform at a social for the case.

PRATT THREE CASE - linked to ours. Wendy Stevenson is on tour, will speak at Ironworkers Hall, Nov. 21. It shows that the RCMP is still harassing radicals.

FORWARD - (Editor absent) We will work on it Tuesday and Wednesday nights, it is nearly ready.

EDUCATIONAL - Gord said Wayne should give an educational on the paper itself, this will be discussed next meeting. Then Harry K will speak on the RWH in four weeks.

NEW BUSINESS - An OWW social, Sat. Dec 6, at 8³⁰ PM. The election of Reagan has emboldened the rightists, and labour people in USA are getting restless.

ADJOURNMENT at 10 P.M.

Adopted on Computer
Nov 23/80

MINUTES OF LFORWARD~~ER~~ GROUP MEETING - Sunday, Nov. 23/80 at 8:30 PM

Chair: Robert K.

Secretzry: John D.

Attendance: Ellie & Wayne late baby trouble, Art out of town, AWL: Dave

Membership & Contacts:

Ross reported Ann D. wants literature for U. of Ottawa Civil Rights Week display

Reported Pat Schulz renewed her sustaining pledge to Forward

Harry reported on Sabena becoming more politically active.

Harry holding informal party for SRDF members and contacts this 1st Sat nite (BYOB)

Agenda: ADOPTED as proposed.

Minutes: Minutes of Nov. 9th adopted as corrected.

NDP: Tooronto Municipal Elections:

Robt K led off report. Sewell increased his absolute and percentage mayoralty vote, NDP made gains, left held their ground. Hislop's defeat a blow to Reform Metro. Gay

NDP made gains, left held their ground. issue was used by right elements against some NDP candidates successfully.

Harry K reported on suburban NDP campaign, where NDP incumbents solidly reelected, new ~~NE~~ candidates not successful.

new ~~ME~~ candidates not successful.
Winnipeg: NDP made gains under initial label campaign. Vancouver: NDP elected mayor.

mayor.
Labor: OFL convention starts tomorrow in Toronto. Impossible to distribute at Sheraton
But may be able to set up booth. Ross to investigate.

SRDF-Dowson Case:

Ross reported more and more publicity gained as RCMP dirty tricks in the news and McMurtry's refusal to lay charges is sensational. Appeal comes up this Wed., Harry and Copeland ready for confrontation.

\$1000 ad placed in weekend Globe & Mail.

Main case comes up next ~~Wednesday~~ week as well. Cdn Civil Liberties Union has at last come into the case with a major intervention.

Robt reported on progress of Benefit ~~work~~ for case. Looking for a hall and lining up performers.

Harry reported he spoke at last Wednesday meeting of Pratt Three held by RWL, attended by 50 persons, not many new elements. Harry lectured meeting on necessity to raise issue of defence of socialist ideas in face of RMP RCMP harassment instead of gay or feminist issues -- RWL barely mentioned here or in last issue of paper the Dowson case.

NDP: Left Caucus Meeting (held at this time as Wayne & Ellie are present)

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q Robt reported that 31 present. Discussed northern resolution on nationalization in election strategy. Another meeting planned in January to discuss NATO (new people from Etobicoke left to organize it). Simon and Wayne made appeal for greater continuing organization but ~~received~~ no response from Turk and others, and new people did not know significance. Toronto has played role of dampening provincial impetus. Discussion that we support meeting on NATO and push for a crusade to make it the major issue at the next convention (rather than diffusing struggle on many issues). M/C to adopt line of report and discussion.

Membership & Contacts: M/C that two comrades be struck off to talk to Dale regarding his relationship ~~XXXXXX~~ with Forward Group.

Wayne reported on Don Brant, associated with movement many years ago, growing interested in ideas and activity.

Tomszak also reported becoming more interested in group.

Educational: M/c to re-schedule educational on last issue of Forward to next meeting, push other educationals back one meeting.

Adjournment: at 10:40 PM

Forward Group.

Meeting of December 7, 1980: Sunday afternoon.

Chairman, Bob Kasher; Secretary, Art Gray.

Attendance - Eight present. Ellie will be late. Dale wasn't notified.

Memberships and Contacts - the party at Harry Kopyto's was a social success, though not politically oriented. A party could be held at a comrade's house in the name of the Forward Group. Also a social could be held for the SRDF. Socials are a good idea for peripheral persons friendly but unwilling to join us.

MOTION - by Ross D - that a social of the Forward Group be held at Gord and Roz Doctorow's in mid January, using the mailing list to make invitations - carried.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary and accepted.

Business arising from Minutes - John Ridell praised Harry Kopyto for the impact of Harry's speech in court. In Brantford an NDP'er was elected mayor but did not run as NDP.

NDP - Provincial Council meeting is December 12 and 13. Fred Callahan is a delegate, Dave Piothi an alternate. Some clubs have responded to the SRDF appeal. Richard Johnson supports the case.

Ross reported on a lacklustre St. George NDP meeting. Quite a few ran for the executive posts. Argue is considered a leftist, but unaggressive. Goyeau does everything and sets policy. Community Organization people were there. The status quo prevailed.

Dave P. from Oshawa - the son of Cliff Pulkey defeated a liberal, but he didn't want endorsement by the Labour Council.

Ellie MTAC met last week, Dale and Ellie were there. Seven elected people were present. The issue of accountability of elected members was raised after a good discussion MTAC took a position of attempting to control them.

St. Andrew - St. Patrick. The campaign committee was appointed undemocratically, it should be chosen by the memberships. This was suddenly an issue.

Part of the ^{PROVINCIAL} caucus wants to include sexual orientation in the Human Rights resolution. This is causing debate in the caucus.

The use of the party label municipally has essentially been won.

OVER.

TRADE UNION - Harry Kopyto, after talking to Mike Lyons, joined the Oakwood NDP club. The OFL held an election convention rather than a policy convention. Leftists made limited progress. We distributed Forward and SRDF material. Hitherto we couldn't.

[Dave Piotti] - Pulkey made a good speech. Cee Taylor was red baited despite a new resolution against red baiting. Wendy Johnson pressed the Pratt-Whitney case pamphlet and got good coverage in the Globe. Diandre Gallagher is now in the Steel union brass, and attacked the OWW. Joyce and others took her on. The OFL never gave OWW any money.

SRDF - An OWW social had about 50 present, not much interest to it. The pamphlet will be published by Beatty and Church. Response to the published ad is disappointing, some 10 homes. The RCMP is no longer on up-front issue, and the radical press has been outrageous. The CLC resolution is excellent.

Harry Kopyto reported on the case. The RCMP wants to block the slander suit and not answer any questions. An important hearing Tuesday. Copeland will try to charge the RCMP in the Praxid case.

An SRDF social was proposed for late January. Bob and Leshe will check prices of halls, volunteers to usher, etc.

How long can the case be continued? It has propaganda value. We need a way to distribute more SRDF material.

(John Glenn excused).

NEW BUSINESS - Harry Kopyto answered an attack on him in the Globe and Mail.

A distribution of the Provincial Council is planned.

EDUCATIONAL - Harry Kopyto spoke on the RWL, based on internal documents he had seen. It has declined sharply 1978-1980. In April 1979, its congress had 50 delegates, a third of the members and periphery had been lost since the previous congress, with heaviest losses in Quebec. Five tendencies had formed. The Saskatoon branch has closed. At the end of 1979, three proposed political reports were voted down and none was accepted. The RWL may have 125 to 150 members left, down from 400.

ADJOURNMENT 4 PM. ✓

Meeting of Forward Group, Jan 4, 1981.

Called to order about 2:20 PM. John Darling, chairman. Art Hay, secretary.
ATTENDANCE - Wayne busy. Dave was expected but not here. Bob Kasher absent.
Dale R. sent a letter.

MINUTES of Dec. 7, 1980 were adopted.

Business arising from minutes - Ross criticized last educational as non-political [Harry K on the RWL]. Art G. thought most were interested in the information contained in it.

MEMBERSHIP & CONTACTS - Vern Olsen phoned Ross. He had been banned as a Labour Council Delegate in 1969-70 by RCMP action. He is writing a pamphlet on the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. Ross and Harry will meet with him.

Hans Modlich sent 100 to SRDF. He has withdrawn from politics pretty well.

LETTER FROM DALE RITCH - Dale sent a letter of resignation from the Forward Group. He seems to be without perspective and is not in working relationship with any other group.

(Ethie) - work in the NDP is exhausting and draining. We accept the resignation and will send him a letter with our position. Lord should write it.

N.D.P. - L

MOTION passed to accept Dale's resignation and drop him to status of a sympathizer. No report. Dave was at the Provincial Council but is not here to report on it. There has been no Left Caucus meeting, we will lose by default. Also the anti-NATO position must be defended, the paper will have an article on it.

MOTION - that Wayne and Lord try to contact anti-NATO persons in NDP. Carried.

The paper was distributed to a Polish meeting - Dykstra, Pilkey and some leftists were there (McHally, Ron Rosenthal). About 20 papers sold and many were given away. Ourselves, I.S. and some naive students leafletted it. Also a play on Cuba was distributed.

The problem is to find suitable places to distribute SRDF material.

Wayne gave two lectures at Ottawa. There was debate on the Waffle. Smart, McHally, Panitch were speakers for Ottawa Committee on Labour Action.

Anne Dawson is moving into left circles in Ottawa, and is respected.

The "Canadian Dimension" Issue on the Waffle should be read by all comrades. It must be discussed and commented on in Forward!

MOTION - Ross will give an educational on the Waffle article. Carried.

TRADE UNION - (Harry K) - on the Mike Lyons file. Robert Koplon (attorney general) denied that what Lyons saw was actually on RCMP file.

(Ross) - Unfortunately Dave isn't here. The VAW is under the gun. We should oppose any concessions to the auto bosses. Canadian locals are resisting givebacks. We should demand shares in Chrysler for any government money given it. Our position is realistic. Forward should have a lead article on this.

SRDF -

The pamphlet is ready, 3,000 run, at \$2.37 wholesale. The Beatty and Church Company will split the cost of mailing 100 to key persons.

The exposure of the RCMP by Shalloott, a Globe & Mail reporter, did not sell well and there will be no 2nd edition.

(Harry K) - A group met to plan the concert. Profitability is doubtful, and we must win financially. Harry Payne has experience. Another committee meeting must be held in a week.

FORWARD - Ross proposed that we hold a "mock trial" which could be videotaped. Wayne will come in Tuesday night to start.

NEW BUSINESS - We are selling a little more radical literature lately.

Harry K was found in contempt of court and fined \$2. It will be appealed. Rabbi Shorin was there. Case wasn't helpful but didn't do much damage. "We snatched a defeat from the jaws of a debacle."

Ross paid the fine, in the name of SRDF. This was an error. The Globe and Mail contacted Sverdrup Robinson who phoned Ross, who had to back off the SRDF involvement. Another defeat from the jaws of debacle.

Gord Doctorow met Andy Weispick in Florida.

Joe Levitt has written a book on nationalism in Canada.

ADJOURNMENT.

MINUTES of Forward Group meeting, Sunday, Jan. 18, 1981 at 2PM

Chair: Robert K.

Secretary: John D

Attendance: Art off on world trip until mid-March, Wayne & Ellie to be half hour late.
M/C Zane be seated.

M/C to confer with Wayne about possibility of Ed R. attending meetings (travelling from Hamilton)

Minutes: Minute's of meeting of Jan. 7th adopted as corrected. M/C to review recording of minutes with Art when he returns -- too much detail, non-essential material.

Membership & Contacts: Ross reported on contact in bookstore who wants to distribute Forward after reading it. Attends a Waterloo university.

NDP: Ross reported he has got Rosedale to hold a meeting to discuss convention resolutions and elect delegates.

Gord reported Fed. NDP riding where two leadership resolutions on North-South Dialogue and International Affairs were set aside, in favor of his resolution for an independent foreign policy, withdrawal from NATO and unilateral disarmament.

Discussion on need for position on foreign aid. M/C to hold educational on these two leadership resolutions & our line of attack, next meeting. Gord speaker.

Left Caucus: last Wed meeting, 5 comrades there. Homily and Harry reported Harney seemed to take left position, and when questioned supported idea of Constituent Assembly. Penny also spoke.

Dave reported on Oshawa club

Weekend policy meeting ~~and last caucus~~ this weekend.

Trade Union: Discussion on Auto, CLC-Bldg. Trades conflict.

Gord elected alternate to teachers convention.

Dues & Pledges.

Educational: Ross on Dimension feature article on History of Waffle.

SRDF: Robt K reported on progress of Benefit concert, should be broad cultural affair if it is to make money, feeling of committee smaller left-milieu folk concert would not be worth effort. Whether we go ahead now depends on response of Margaret Atwood and Margaret Laurence would have not as yet been contacted.

--Book ad in weekend Globe for Dowson vs. RCMP book, already on sale at Coles major outlets, and three media responses from Beaty & Church promo, including CFTO-TV, received already.

Forward: Wayne reported next issue articles shortly to be assigned. Deadline next Monday.

New Business: M/C Harry contact RWL re action to protest wounding of Bernadette Devlin.

Adjournment: 5:10 PM

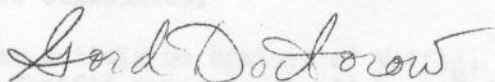
January 18, 1981

Dear Dale,

We received your letter of resignation from the Forward Group (Dec. 31, 1980) with considerable disappointment and regret. We found your action inexpllicable: you say that you hold out a perspective for the construction of a mass revolutionary party and seem to have no political differences with us. We naturally expect that you would provide us with a political critique of the Forward Group so that we could understand the reason for your severing all formal ties with us and, more importantly, so that we would be able to make a clear political assessment of our course that would enable us to improve ourselves. Furthermore, we cannot help but regret the loss of a longstanding comrade who has played a leading role in the development of our organization.

Reluctantly we accept your decision. Yet we anticipate that we will be able to work together in a fraternal manner in the ongoing political struggles. Certainly we wish to regard you as an active sympathizer and financial contributor.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gord Doctorow". The signature is fluid and written in dark ink.

Gord Doctorow for the Forward Group

MINUTES OF TORONTO BANCH FORWARD GROUP JAN 21/79 at 8:30 PM

Chair: Homily Secretary: John D.

Attendance: Homily, John D. Wayne, Ellie, Harry K, Ross D.
(Gord Abie, Dale awr.)

Membership & Contacts:

Calvin reported by Ross showing interest in becoming active but has not yet attended meeting.

Organizer to contact Dave P. Discussion on attendance of Harry P.

Ross reported on Ward 4 social at Homily's after meeting, at which Argue and Heap attended.

REPORTS -- NDP:

Ross reported on Ward Six meeting. Ross declined executive nomination in favour of Ellie as agreed. NDP and community activists in coalition in elections. Discussion on tactics to follow in Heap-Sparrow dispute. Key issue against Sparrow is his final election leaflet which broke slate with Heap in bid for exec. metro seat. See need for Heap to apologize for personal attacks against Sparrow.

Wayne reported on Spadina and Foster left campaign.

Harry reported on Reform North York development and Moscoe's ambiguous role. Discussion on how to bring Moscoe to account.

MTAC meeting due for 9:30 am next Saturday, comrades to attend.

Wayne reported on Ward 4 meeting nominating Pantalone for alderman, at which 150 to 200 in attendance including activists from across Metro. Dale to play leading role and to work full time as organizer for 4 weeks.

Homily reported on Metro newsletter development.

EDUCATIONAL:

Homily on Canadian Dimension article on Eurocommunism. Discussion on line of possible reply to article.

FUTURE EDUCATIONALS:

In 1 week Harry K to talk on Marxism and the Law

in 2 weeks Abie to talk on the Nationalist Movement, problems of, in reference to article by Drache in This Magazine.

FORWARD:

Wayne reported that rigid deadlines not held to but articles coming in this week and production to start ~~this~~ next weekend.

CLASSES:

First to start this Friday at Homily's, with Gord on Stalinism., and Sino-Soviet debate.

Ross did selective mailings and a phoning should be done.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ross reported death of Joe Hansen. Motion to send condolences in name of Forward Group.

ADJOURNMENT:

at 10:30 pm. Next meeting in 2 weeks.

*adopted
Feb. 11/79*

Minutes of the previous meeting adopted as corrected

Attendance- Ellie Ross, Dave, Harry, Robert, Gord and John, Wayne
John in the chair-- Dowson took minutes in view of Art's continued
absence on tour

NDP Reports

Ross on the Ward 6 NDP meeting. Executive proposed in its election report that next election we run two aldermanic candidates--~~passed~~ after some hesitations expressed about hardening our relations with the Ward 6 C.O. Recommendation that we asked the Metro area council in collaboration with the Labour council to begin the process now so that we can hope to present a strong candidate for the next mayoralty campaign. Ellie elected on executive. Biggin elected as president and the situation would appear to promise that WARD 6 will move out strongly in community actions that will build the movement. New young people in attendance. Motion passed censuring the provincial NDP caucus for its failure to move an amendment that would include our opposition to discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Only Dan spoke up in opposition.

Ross reported that St George provincial election nomination is coming up. Two candidates so far declared-- John Argue and Dan Leckie. It is apparent that Leckie has the support of the Goyeau right wing leadership of St George. The Hislop defeat has turned them away from running Argue and they have been showing increased coolness to him as the spokesperson of the MTAC leadership - particularly for its opposition to support of Sewell for Mayor. Ross is thinking that we should support Argue --particularly as he is not only more committed to building the party and a Metro presence but because he would symbolize opposition to the caucus opportunism on the gay issue of some significance in St George.

Ellie reported on St A and P. Alice Heap and Stan Coutts are contesting the nomination. Laughren gave a left populist speech.

Wayne- Report ed on the meeting called by the Left Caucus on the constitutional question. Harney made a withering attack on Broadbent and the lack of internal democracy in the party. Penner gave a historical summary of the constitutional question and advanced the concept of a constituent Assembly. About 30 persons in attendance Spadina passed a good resolution calling for unilateral disarmament which will be circulated to stimulate others,

Discussion on recent developments in the Br Left.

Educational by Gordon D around the Spadina resolution --nuclear disarmament, withdrawal from NATO NORAD and unilateral disarmament ~~also~~ also on the North South Dialogue--both of which are being discussed through the party.

Socialist Rights Defence Fund report by Ross. Funds continue to come in one of the latest contributors is \$100 from the Quebec government employees union. Reveiws are slow coming in --of the book Dowson V RCMP--catalogue of Beatty and Chruch not yet out

Report by Ed on the union situation at his campaus-- he is chief steward

Social---planned for February 14--subsequently chaged to 24th at Gord and Roz--55 Picola Court

Proposed future internal educationals--Impact of recent developments on the Canadian Maoists---The Future of the British Labour Party left.

Motion to adjourn--passed

Adopted as presented Mar 2/81

MINUTES OF MEETING OF FORWARD GROUP, MARCH 2/81

Chair: Homily Secretary John D.

Agenda: Adopted as read.

Minutes: Minutes of meeting of Jan. 31 adopted as read.

Membership & Contacts: discussion re disappoint turnout at last social at Gord's, means we must push Forward fund drive in organized way. Next social should be built with phoning.

Homily raised question of status of Tomzak to movement. Discussion. He is ready for membership but attitude of his wife a deterrent.

NDP; Ross reported on St. George club and his canvassing. Cassidy's presence not felt because of party's weak position on gay question and Hislop Gay candidacy.

Gord reported on campaign in Orillia, Homily on St. Davids

Wayne reported on St. A & P where there is a shortage of workers for first time. Campaign however generally left. Discussion on campaign and bourgeois parties' attempt to make "leadership" main issue against Cassidy.

Discussion on generally good NPD election campaign. We must push party at upcoming superparty.

Trade Union: Ross ~~led off discussion~~ reported discussion with Chris T. on upcoming CLC-Building Trades split and his view we should generally ease off giving advice because a) we do not know all the facts in this complex situation and b) we are not intimately involved and are not required to take a position.

Gord reported he may become a delegate to OSSTF convention -- leadership candidates are very union oriented.

SRDF: Ross reported new mailings now possible into Ottawa U thru efforts of Ann.

Homily reported he and Harry proposed wine and cheese party at end of March at Intl Students Assn hall with McLaren and Atwood as main participants, possibly also Kuerti or Ruby. Discussion, date may be April 3rd.

Forward: Ross has done distributions, big ones coming up. Discussion on allocation of personnel.

Adjournment: at 11 pm.

Chairman John Darling, Secretary Art Gray

Attendance- Dave on shift work, Gord at teachers convention

Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted

Membership and contacts--Ross met at a distribution a person who knew him from a British RMG meeting years ago who will be coming to the store. Jim---helped him distribute at the Festival theater showing. Sherwood in the process of delivering copies of their new English language paper has been making obvious approaches to us--according to Ross Educationals--moved by Ross that we slate an educational on the Lambertists for the next meeting. John D assigned.

NDP- Harry K presented a draft of a critical analysis of the Ontario election campaign. which saw the NDP drop a quarter of a million votes and close 8% of its previous percentage of the vote. Neither bourgeois party campaigned on an austerity (short-term pain, long term gain) policy--all campaigned as reformists and completely undercut the reformist policies of the Ontario NDP leaderships campaign. Discussion--- It was noted that key industrial ridings in Hamilton, Brantford and elsewhere were lost and the results can only be understood as a staggering defeat for the party and for the leaderships line which had been challenged by the Left caucus. ~~Also considered that the federal NDP leaderships support of Trudeau on the constitution and the Ontario leaderships sustaining of the Tory minority government has minimized the differences that the NDP has with the capitalist parties in the workers eyes. Attempts to blame Cassidy as an individual wont hold too much water.~~ It was agreed that we need to sharpen up the document and to move out boldly with it seeking support from such prominent individuals as Dutzka. Formal motion by Kopyto to this effect--agreed Motion by Wayne that we advance the idea of an emergency Provincial Council meeting to debate the crisis in the party, with preliminary organized discussions in the riding associations--agreed

Motion by Wayne that at the coming Mississauga NDP foreign policy discussion on Saturday that we propose to the Left Caucus supporters that a special meeting of the Left Caucus be slated for the immediate future--agreed.

Trade Unions-- Ross reported on continued discussions with Chris T on the CLC struggle with the U.S. Building Trade brass and their Canadian machine. The battle has been joined with the CLC leadership in general following a line generally paralleling the one that we posed in the lead editorial of the October-November issue of Forward. It looks like this struggle can consummate the longstanding efforts to complete the industrial unionization of the Canadian work force and to establish Canadian trade union autonomy

Motion by Harry that we schedule a series of four classes to be held in homes and to be completed before the end of May. ~~and on alternate Friday nights.~~ --agreed.

Classes slated as follows--"The contradictory character of the NDP and where it is going--Dowson--at Kashur's The NDP as an anti-war party-NATO & unilateralism--Kashur at Kashur's. Canada's role in world politics-N-S debate- Doctorow at Kopyto's and --the character of the program that socialists should advance in the NDP and the unions--Kopyto at Kopyto's. ^{attached} Socialist Rights Defence Fund--Kopyto invited to address Law Union on Dowson suit on April 2. It is hoped to set the date for the appeal against McMurtry's stay of proceedings against the RCMP for May 1st. According to Kashur the Beatty & Church catalogue with the publicity on Dowson V RCMP has at long last been released to the trade. Canadian Dimension has finally broken its silence by carrying the appeal Support This Cry for Justice Ross invited to address the McMaster seminar April 8. SRDF has cleared up its printing bill and has two outstanding debts totalling \$1,800.00. Support is still coming in and we are looking for a break with the U of Ottawa mailing. Discussion on fund raising Toronto social affair

Bookstore and headquarters-- Ross reported inability to find facilities whereby the store could share space with the Darling printing operation in face of inability to meet the 70% rent increase demanded by the owner of 121 Church. Motion by Ross to close down the book store--agreed.

Motion that we accept John Darlings offer to rent sufficient space ~~in his~~ in his new location that would allow us to administer Forward. Agreed. Occupancy April 15. Ross announced that he will prepare to organize a book sale so we can recoup as much of our capital as possible, Forward distributions Ross carried off two very good distributions at the Festival film showings. Bob did the St Lawrence gay meeting and he and Ellie did the Marxist institute. There are some coming important ones to be arranged--on energy, El Salvador etc.

Motion to adjourn--passed uaan.

Sabina

Meeting of Forward Group, Tuesday evening, April 7, 1981.

Called to order 8.35 PM. Chairman, Lane Boyd. Secretary, Art Gray.

An agenda was read and adopted.

ATTENDANCE - 9 present. Dave P. on shift work. Moved and carried to seat Dave Tomczak and Leslie.

MINUTES of the previous meeting were read and adopted with one correction - Sabina K had been at a distribution, not Ellie as reported.

MEMBERSHIP & CONTACTS

Gord D. spoke, welcoming Dave Tomczak into the movement. He summarized the history of the SL and the Forward Group since the split from the former LSA. The RWL was formed without a principled base, and now all the radical groupings are in decline. Our orientation was to work within the NDP while maintaining our own public face and paper, and to lay the basis for a new advance.

Moved to accept Dave Tomczak as a member. Carried.

(Ross) Chris T. is now prominently involved in the struggle between the CLC and the Building Trades unions, he is a contact of ours.

(Gord) - Art Jaszczuk is active in the NDP and Teachers (OSSTF) and keeps in touch with us.

TRADE UNION - Gord D. reported on the OSSTF convention. There is to be a standing committee on status of women teachers. The new vice president, Malcolm Buchanan, is a Left Caucus person. There was a directive to investigate the possibility of the OSSTF supporting the NDP. Two resolutions on El Salvador failed to pass, due mainly to poor preparation and presentation. OSSTF is acquiring more resemblance to a trade union structure. Its leadership is to the left of its members. Possibly a left slate can be run at the district level.

(Ross) - My impression of "Mudpie" is negative, shallow and frivolous. A program must be clearly defined if we are to deal with these people.

NDP-

Etobikoke riding association held a conference on foreign policy

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questions; 40 or 50 present, mostly local rank and file activists, not many notables were present. Some came from Sudbury and London. There was little late publicity, and a relatively low turnout.

(Ross) The B.C. New Democrat is moving to the Left, but the Saskatchewan paper has become useless since the former editor quit.

LEFT CAUCUS meeting at Etobicoke after the foreign policy discussions, perhaps 30 were present. A steering committee was formed to prepare the Left for the Federal Convention in BC, to analyze the Ontario election, and to determine where the Left Caucus is going. Bob Kasher is on the steering committee. A meeting will be held to prepare for the Federal NDP convention.

Harry's statement, somewhat reworked, has been signed by Don and Alice Heap, Jim Turk, Hopkins, and has been adopted in principle by the St Andrew - St. Patrick riding association and will be circulated to other ridings.

There will be a provincial leadership convention next February. A few comrades will go as Federal delegates.

FORWARD FUND DRIVE - Gord will take pledges at the next meeting.

EDITORIAL BOARD - a meeting soon (Thursday?) with preliminary sorting of clippings.

SRDF - Harry K has spoken to Paul Copeland on a joint, modest social with Buchbinder of "Praxis". Proposed for June 2 at International Student Centre. There was discussion of how much work will be required. In this matter we can't move till we hear from others, if "Praxis" case is linked.

CLASS - We will have to do some phoning as not much time is left.

INTERNALS - Harry Kopyto proposed an internal on Poland. Motion carried.

The next internal will be on the Lambertists. Three issues of their new paper have come out.

EDUCATIONAL - (Bob Kasher) - The British Labour Left. The Labour Party is opening up as economic conditions produce a ferment in the class. Many important right wingers have left over NATO and nuclear arms issues. These Social Democrats have not worked out a program as yet. A fight for control of party apparatus has escalated to a fight for the leadership itself, Benn will run against Dennis Healy. The British Socialist Workers Party has declined and lost two thirds of its peak membership.

MOTION TO ADJOURN, 10.45 P.M. Carried.

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(Parkdale)

What kind of program
should socialists form-
ulate and advance in the
union movement and in
its political arm -
The New Democratic Party

44444444444 - May 22

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The contradictory
character of the NDP
and where it is going

-the split in the Federal
NDP caucus on the constitution

-electoral defeat in Ontario

April 10 8 p.m.

presented by Ross Dowson
(St. George)

at Bob Kashur's - 18 Howland Rd. -at Bob Kashur's
north from Gerrard, 1st E of Broadview

22222222222 --April 24

The NDP as anti-war party

Broadbent's challenge
to scrap the party's
opposition to NATO
-unilateralism and the
European Left

April 24 8.p.m.

presented by Bob Kashur
(St. David's)

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What should be the NDP's
program for Canada on the
world arena ?

-the so-called North-
South debate

Canada as imperialist &
satellite of the US State
Department in the 3rd
World

presented by Gord Doctoro
(Oriole)

May 8 8 p.m.

at Harry Kopyto's -
137 Viewmount Ave
Subway-Glencairn

Minutes of Forward Group

Meeting of Sunday morning, April 26, 1981.

Meeting called to order 10:50 AM.

Chairman, Harry Kopyto. Secretary, Art Gray.

An agenda was drawn up and approved.

Attendance - Dave Piotti was delayed. Ed Reese had to return to Hamilton.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Membership and Contacts - Art Jasczyk has promoted Forward and is a friend of Lord Doctorow. He will attend the Left Caucus meeting. He is a political person and close to recruitment.
- Motion to approach Art to see if he is interested in recruitment.

Leslie is interested in a mild way. She can attend meetings if she asks to.

Phil Brown of the Wilson Heights NDP, a long time unionist and waffler, a positive person, will be at Harry's house party this coming Saturday.

NDP- MTAC - A council meeting of MTAC, Wednesday May 6th, its convention will be Saturday June 13, deadline for resolutions May 15th. There is no official candidate in the bye-election in Ward II but CUPE will endorse Susan Atkinson.

(Ellie) This is parallel to the Sewell campaign. The NDP does not act so support goes to Susan Atkinson by default.

(Dave Tomeyak) - It should be Parkdale NDP that runs the candidate, they didn't. MTAC can't do so directly. Susan Atkinson cannot be endorsed for alderman.

(Ross) We must carry a simple line. The NDP should run someone; if not, there should be no open support to anyone. MTAC should express disappointment that Parkdale NDP ran no candidate. Don't censure supporters of S. Atkinson, just have nothing to do with it. A no-label NDP candidate is better than none.

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(Dave T) The MTAC executive is static and has little initiative. Ellie Kirzner reported on the Ward 6 NDP. The executive has ongoing subcommittees, one on housing. The ward campaign avoided the gay issue and did not stand up to the hate literature. Actually Hyslop also avoided it. Heap's line is to defend this avoidance.

(Dave T) - The issue is important in that ward and the executive should express itself clearly, independently of Heap. We should advance our civil liberties position on the gays. - Discussion followed on whether Ross should resign from the Ward 6 Housing Committee. Ross will write a letter of resignation.

(Ross) a group from 40 Homewood Avenue went to the Municipal Board hearing on the Jarvis-Carlton development. They were excluded on a technicality and were outraged.

Wayne Roberts reported on the Provincial Left Caucus. A mailing was done. It is rather negative, it should state what the party ought to do. Turk is downplaying the conference, and we are the only force building it. May 23 will be a test between our line and Turk's line. We should have a manifesto, and also a leadership candidate. Simon Rosenthal or Bud Wildman might run.

(Ross) Turk is moving away from the struggle. We must continue contact with Dale Ritch in Dovercourt riding.

(Ellie) we must support Simon if there is no one better.

Wayne reported that a high level committee of the NDP has come out against NATO and NORAD and policy will not be changed.

Layne Boyd reported on Parkdale meeting; 25 or 30 were present and resolutions were left wing. Barry Weisleder and Bev Bernardo of the RWL were there. Two issues were contentious. One on dismantling the RCMP security service carried, with amendments. The other, on constituent assembly, was not seen as a key issue. Weisleder said it would cut across Quebec rights. The "left" character of Parkdale riding is exaggerated.

Ross reported on Rosedale. He submitted five resolutions. He and Art Gray will both stand to be delegates.

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minutes, Apr 26.

SOCIAL - Toronto Labour Council will have a May Day public meeting, at 777 Bloor St. West. We should attend this official celebration, it could grow to importance. There is a good tone due to El Salvador.

There is a social at Kopyto's ~~Saturday~~ Friday night. The name of the movement is not on his leaflet. We will politicize it somewhat depending on the atmosphere.

ALLIANCE OF NON-ZIONIST JEWS - has invited Israel Shohak and Cy Lonick to speak on "Alternatives to Zionism". Abie Weisfeld has brought off a big thing. We want this to succeed.

Moved to assist in building this event, by Harry Kopyto. Carried.

FUND DRIVE for FORWARD. Pledges were taken.

TRADE UNION - the proposed left slate in OSSTF has fallen through.

EDUCATIONAL - was deferred to the next meeting.

SRDF - Ross will mail an appeal for support to some church people. The En Lutte group placed another order for booklets on the case.

FORWARD - the deadline is a week ~~away~~ from Monday. Henry Milner will write an article for us. Also Marv Randall will submit an article.

STORE - Sale for comrades starts next Saturday; for everyone, Monday. There is good Canadian literature as well as other books. John Darling is in process of moving to the new location.

OTHER BUSINESS - Ross proposed that as the clippings are overflowing, most of them after checking should be thrown out. Forward itself will have to be the archives. Three months of clippings will be retained.

Elbie wanted the clippings on women, Ross wanted the clippings on the RCMP, Wayne wanted the clippings on labour, as they are sorted.

ADJOURNMENT at 12:45.

FORWARD GROUP MEETING, MAY 11/81 (CONVENED AT 8:40 pm)

Chair: Bob K.

Secretary: ZANE

Attendance: ABSENT WITH REASON: ART GRAY

PRESENT: BOB K, ZANE, ROSS, WAYNE, ELLIE,
HARRY K., DAVE T., GORD

Forward Fund Drive Report (GORD.)

ALMOST \$3000 HAS BEEN PLEDGED TO DATE — $\frac{3}{4}$ OF OUR GOAL, MOST OF IT FROM MEMBERS. \$2300 IS IN SO FAR. WE SHOULD FOLLOW UP ON OUR MAILING. ALSO, UPDATE THE PAPER'S MAILING LIST AND USE IT FOR THE DRIVE.

Membership & Contacts.

- GORD'S CLASS (MAY 8) WAS A SUCCESS, ALTHOUGH SOME COMRADES WHO WERE AT PREVIOUS CLASSES WEREN'T THERE THIS TIME. CONTINUITY ^{WOULD BE} ~~IS~~ HELPFUL. ART Y. WAS THERE AS WERE TWO CHILEANS FROM PARKDALE RIDING WHO WANT TO ATTEND THE NEXT CLASS. THE FATHER WAS IN THE ALLENDE GOVERNMENT AND WAS OPEN TO OUR IDEAS, AS WAS HIS SON.
- GORD APPROACHED ART Y. ABOUT THE FORWARD GROUP. ART IS ENTHUSIASTIC, BUT WANTS TO DO SOME READING AND GO THRU AN EXPERIENCE WITH US OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. WE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO RECRUITING HIM PERHAPS IN THE EARLY SUMMER.
- A FAREWELL PARTY ATTENDED BY ROSS WAS HELD FOR CLAIRE D. AND FAMILY WHO ARE MOVING TO QUEBEC.
- VERN & ANNE O., THE HUGHS, JOHN DARLING, AND OTHERS ARE GOING TO POUNDMAKER THIS COMING WEEKEND.

- HARRY AND SABENA'S MAY DAY PARTY WAS A SUCCESS WITH ~~THREE~~ ABOUT 75 ATTENDING, INCLUDING CLAY RUBY, OTHER LEFT LAWYERS, DOVERCOURT NDERS, AROUND DALE, DUKSTA, RICK SALUTIN. #
WE SHOULD LOOK INTO SENDING A COMRADE INTO DOVERCOURT TO WORK WITH PERSONS OPEN TO US.

NDP Report

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Forward Group Meeting, May 11/81 (Cont.).

- Heap has issued a statement opposing the Left Caucus running a candidate or supporting one for the Ontario Leadership. Simon R. has issued a good counter-statement. We must argue for putting forward a candidate and propose that the Left Caucus organize a candidate search committee.
- It was agreed to propose that the present organizing committee have the power to coopt others and that it take upon itself to forge links with other left caucus members across the country for organizing a united intervention at the convention.

~~alternat~~ Rosedale riding met. Ross and Art G. were elected delegates. The Constituent Assembly Resolution was defeated. A statement on the Dowson suit was passed.

- At ~~the~~ ^a Ward 2 meeting, Sheila Meagher was nominated as an NDP label candidate for trustee; the party failed to put forward an aldermanic candidate. We should propose that Parkdale riding express its regret about this situation.
- MTAC Council met last week.
- Metro Labor Council reported it is only going to support NDP candidates in future municipal elections. The question of accountability of candidates came up. A resolution was passed to set up a permanent executive sub-committee to deal specifically with the accountability of ~~the~~ NDP candidates.

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- m/c THAT DAVE T. PRESENT HIMSELF AS CANDIDATE FOR THE MTAC CHAIRMANSHIP.
- SKIP HAMBLING IS ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH A CROSS-COUNTRY LEFT NEWSLETTER AND WILL BE RAISING FUNDS FOR THIS AT THE CONVENTION. WE FAVOR THIS DEVELOPMENT AND SHOULD APPROACH SKIP ABOUT HOW TO PROMOTE IT.
- BRODBENT IS STILL FAVORING NARD, BUT LOST THE VOTE ON THIS ISSUE AT THE FEDERAL COUNCIL TWICE. HIS POSITION IS BEING CARRIED BY LANGDON AND OTHERS IN HIS CIRCLE.
- SIMON R. IS CONSIDERING RUNNING FOR FEDERAL VICE-PRESIDENT. THIS WILL BE RAISED AT THE LEFT CAUCUS CONFERENCE.

Trade Union Report

- WAYNE SHOULD GET AN ASSESSMENT FROM CEC TAYLOR AND OTHERS ON THE ONTARIO STEEL CAMPAIGN
- A BWE COLLAR CONFERENCE IS BEING HELD AT McMASTER THIS WEEK. ROSS WILL BE ATTENDING WITH SRDF LITERATURE

Forward Report.

- CLIPPINGS ARE UP TO DATE AND IN COMRADES' HANDS.
- WE MUST CARRY AN ARTICLE ON THE FRENCH ELECTION.
- THE PAPER IS MOVING SLOWLY; DEADLINE WAS A WEEK AGO; 20% OF THE COPY IS IN.
- WE MUST CHECK WITH JOHN D. ~~WATSON~~ ABOUT HIS SITUATION AS FAR AS LAYOUT POSSIBILITIES ARE CONCERNED.
- THE NEW DEADLINE IS TUESDAY, MAY 19;

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Forward Group Meeting, May 11/81

COMRADES CAN PICK UP THEIR CLIPPINGS
THURSDAY EVENING.

New Business.

- ROSS WILL PURSUE HAVING AN EXTENSION TO HIS PHONE SET UP FOR THE FORWARD GROUP.
- THE JOINT SRDF - PRAXIS FUNDRAISING EVENT HAS FALLEN THRU.
m/c TO DEFER HAVING SUCH AN EVENT TO THE FALL. WE SHOULD TAKE IT UP AGAIN IN MID-SUMMER.
- MOTHER'S DAY DEMO ORGANIZED BY ~~THE~~ INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY COMMITTEE WAS LARGE, VIGOROUS & YOUTHFUL, BUT DOMINATED BY THE GAY ULTRALEFT. FORWARD WAS NOT DISTRIBUTED.
- ~~HARRY K~~ AN APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL HARRY K'S ACQUITTAL IS GOING TO THE CANADIAN SUPREME COURT. KAPLAN AND McMURTRY ARE THE PARTIES. JAMES LOCKER REPRESENTING HARRY WILL BE GOING TO OTTAWA TO ARGUE AGAINST IT. 5 OR 6 LAWYERS. INCLUDING COPELAND, LOCKER ARE CONSIDERING WHAT SHOULD BE PROPOSED TO THE LAW UNION CONFERENCE ON MAY 30. IN WAY OF A DEFENSE. MEANWHILE, A PETITION IS BEING CIRCULATED AMONG A FEW LAWYERS.
- m/c TO ADJOURN.

Meeting of Forward Group

Monday June 1, 1981, beginning 8³⁰ PM.

At Action Print, 415 Adelaide West. Chairman, Gord Doctorow, secretary Art Gray. An agenda was drawn up.

A letter of Professor C. B. McPherson to Ed Broadbent, circulated by the Woodsworth-Irvine Foundation, was read by Gord D.

MEMBERSHIP AND CONTACTS - Dave Ford, John D. were absent. There were about 75 persons at Harry and Sabina's party. Art Yaschok is a possible recruit, an active NDP person. There is a good letter by John Canney to the New Democrat.

MINUTES of previous meeting were read by Lane Boyd. Adopted.

EVALUATION OF HARRY'S EDUCATIONAL - It was considered too wide ranging and repetitive, though the political content was good. Ellie said it was set at too low a level. Ross said the classes must be oriented to new people coming to them. Several persons spoke. Gord said the classes were successful, drew new people and developed them.

Wayne suggested an educational on the Transitional Program. It was moved and carried to defer discussion of future educationals to the next meeting.

FORWARD - Forward's deadline is ruined by the necessity of closing out the store. Time until the Federal NDP Convention is running out.

Ross moved that the Editorial Board meet and re-evaluate the paper.

FUND DRIVE - Report by Gord Doctorow. It is seriously short.

HEADQUARTERS - Ross outlined the problem. The room in John's shop is very small. We've been left archivists, files of the Militant, for instance, go back for years. To sustain a better headquarters is a big financial drain. The present space is \$75 a month. (Ellie) Loss of the bookstore will lower our profile.

Ross proposed that we hold the present space for storage. If the organization expands, we can get a larger place then. Meetings must be held in comrades' homes. The files will mostly stay here. So moved and carried.

Ross moved to give away or throw out older files that are not used. Carried. Harry K will take the files of the Militant.

NDP - Left Caucus - (Homily) - The Left Caucus meeting was an astonishing

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Success, 130 persons came, and money was raised to pay all costs. Wayne and Family had to battle Turk and Heap to get it moving. Our prestige is increased. We worked with others and raised our credibility. A September conference is called. Many are going to the Convention.

(Ellie) Simon Rosenblum felt that the LC has jelled and is moving.

(Wayne) - our people came through. But several key questions were rushed over. Harry Payne advocated a low profile approach but was rebuffed. It is not really a consolidated group as yet.

(Gord) It was left to Bob Kasher to do the work. The Women's Left Caucus is new. We finally got structured committees. In vote for officers, Wayne topped the poll, above Heap.

(Bob K) This is the first time for union representation. The Patterson campaign will build morale. We have a problem of relationships to BC left - there is some Alberta left also. There is no leadership campaign at present. There is the possibility of a LC paper. Things will not dissipate this time.

(Ross) Many feel that the Left has to save the Party. The leaders are in crisis. Socialism must be advocated. The L.C. should appear as a formation.

Gord; we need - ① a meeting of L.C. Toronto Delegates, and ② a socialistic statement of purpose.

(Bob) Wayne can try through the Publications Committee. If we get shot down we don't lose much.

(Wayne) We will be lucky to get the proposed four leaflets, let alone a statement of purpose.

Moved that Ontario Left Caucus, or the Publications Committee, try for a statement of purpose. Carried. A meeting of Toronto LC delegates will be called if possible.

(Bob) Left Caucus got credit for helping in the Sheila Meagher campaign. NDP-MTAC - Dave T. did not see any new developments. No resolutions have come in. There is a meeting Wednesday evening. We must stress party label.

MOTION by Harry K that we push for a mayoralty campaign by MTAC. Carried.

(Gord) the party should oppose funding of private schools and separate schools. TRADE UNION - Patterson routed Cooke in the Steelworkers vote, a big development, we expect widespread repercussions.

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EDUCATIONAL - deferred.

S.R.D.F. - The case for a right to trial was dismissed. Globe and Mail said "RCMP report ruled immune from lawsuits." There will be an appeal of this on October 6 in Ottawa.

On the other case (Redell letters), the slander suit against RCMP, the attorney general asked a postponement from June 3 to Sept. 7.

- HARRY K. spoke at a Law Union meeting May 30, on the case.

70 present. There was enthusiastic support.

- the RWL has publicized the case, after three years of public silence on it.

NEW BUSINESS - next meeting to be at 111 Richmond Street West, Suite 202, Harry's offices, for 8 o'clock June 15th.

ADJOURNMENT - motion to adjourn 11.10 P.M.

Forward Group is meeting Monday June 1st, 1981. Note We will already be out of Church Street and in occupancy of our new facilities at 415 Adelaide St West. Our book liquidation sale is coming along well and we are readying ourselves to squeeze our necessary goods into the new facilities. We will be moving everything on Sunday--bookshelves to various persons wanting them, Forward files for binding etc etc. We could use some help, particularly in view of Dowson's arthritis acting up. The Left Caucus was a big success., etc.etc

Meeting of Forward Group, June 15, 1981.

At 8³⁰ PM, at Wayne and Ellie's. Chairman John Darling. Secretary Art Gray.

ATTENDANCE - ^{Family absent} 7 present. Ed Reese & Dave P were not contacted. Ross was at another meeting.

MINUTES - of previous meeting were read and accepted, with criticism of their length.

CONTACTS - Don Brant, a former LSA member, now in Don Mills NDP, a gay activist, can be considered a close contact.

FORWARD FUND DRIVE - (report by Gord) There is \$1716 in, and \$1,300 of pledges owing, for 65% of the total, from 23 contributors. Some of our traditional contributors have dropped out. We must finish by the end of this month. Each issue costs about \$500.⁰⁰

Report accepted on motion of Harry Kopyto.

FUTURE EDUCATIONAL - There was a proposal for a social-educational weekend with classes at Camp Poundmaker for mid-August. Further discussion was deferred to the next branch meeting.

MOVED to refer discussion on holding a post NDP Federal Convention educational in July to next Branch meeting. Carried.

EDUCATIONAL - on Poland, by Harry Kopyto.

Discussion left it an open question whether the Polish CP can reform itself. Bureaucratic power is shattered.

NDP-

(Wayne) Skip Hambling, former editor of "Commonwealth" is setting up a new newsletter, to be called "Agenda", to be a leftist, rank and file paper. He is now at Ottawa, with a group of about 10 supporters. He plans to expand to some 200 contributors from all regions.

(Gord) We cannot lessen our commitment to Forward on its behalfs yet. (Harry) there are two different dimensions. Forward is educational for both its readers and writers.

NDP-MTAC [Report by Dave Tomeczok]. An executive proposal for 2 year conventions of MTAC was smashed, conventions will be annual. There were 3 workshops. A youth post is new, and Don Brant got a human rights committee. A lackluster convention with minimal preparation, and no real debates. But over 100 attended, there is a feeling that MTAC should do things, opposition to cutbacks, etc.

MOTION to adopt Dave's report as information. Carried.

NDP-ONTARIO PROVINCIAL COUNCIL^(WAYNE) - The Council meets this weekend. They have a committee to investigate reasons for the electoral defeat, and the Left has no strategy to meet this.

Discussion followed. A resolution proposed by Goyeau and passed in St. George riding would counter them. Harry, Wayne and Homily will get the resolution. We can win in the Provincial Council struggle.

NDP-CONVENTION - some policy papers have reached us, but we do not know the priority to be given to resolutions, we need to discuss these.

Broadbent has expressed his fear of a "totalitarian" revolution in El Salvador, in print.

ADJOURNMENT. Next meeting at Wayne and Ellie's, 8 PM on June 29th.

[5 points were recorded as agreed in the Polish discussion]

Meeting of Forward Group Wed. July 8

Attendance - Dave Tom B.C. - Dave Rioche not well - ~~Ed~~ Ed Reece not contacted - Art Jaschak not able to come tonight.

Memberships and Contacts John Bacher has applied to join the group. Spoke in the convention floor. St. Catharines, high level of understanding.

Moved to accept application for membership. He is a grad student

Ruth Sheldale friendly, going to be working in Halifax.

Roy Guena, Chilean. Also his father.

Art Jaschak, seems to be committing himself. Close to recruitment.

Moved to invite him to next branch meeting. - Three friendly persons outside town.

- 5 points from the Polish Discussion will be given to Art Gray by Harry - Moved to elap minutes with this to be added.

Motion to approach John Bacher, Ed Reece, that Wayne and Ellie will provide them with overnight accommodation.

- NDP. - CONVENTION - (Wayne). Three points 1) very stage managed, by leaders, minimized debate, gave in on NATO-NORAD, no debate on it. They concentrated on constitutional question. Lost control on two points - nuclear energy and proportional representation. Constitution a "show trial" we couldn't get to strikes. Only Rochegney got to speak. 37% voted against. Even this was stage managed.

- Left was very weak. NDP appeared as a collection of regional meetings. Did not break into regional caucuses. RWL opposed Left caucuses. Minimal contacts, Ontario was the base. Left had a difficult time. Leaders played off one section against another. Made ~~few contacts~~ Harney and Pennebatte contested for president. Harney. Simon defeated by Perry Dickens. Federal Council vote almost the same. Harney played a good role. In other areas no parallel to "Forward" and leftists tend to degenerate to mush.

- (Bob Kasher) - Cec Taylor badly beaten for Viehes. We cannot break the organizational hegemony of the western parties.

Western left are demoralized, capitulate. No left concept of Canadian politics. But Ontario Left did not get demoralized.

(Harry) - Constitution, 37% to 63%. Svend Robinson, LC attendant, next day gave a demagogic speech. Distributed some 500 copies of Forward on the floor before being stopped. First couple of days bored people. Forward was well received. Final total some 1500 copies. It was chided into conventions. RWL useless. Nyström is going to run for leader. No role for left to play.

(Harry) Taylor and a group played a good role.

(Harry) - Deirdre Gallagher constitution supporter, wouldn't take Forward. Left Caucus did not have its act together. Heap's leadership poor. Balkanized

(Art Gray) -

Lord - distribution of pamphlets. Harry - people drifting off the Provincial Caucus meetings, etc.

ZANE - intervention of left caucus was critical. But left to eve of convention. We have to come to grips with character of left opponents in NDP outside Ont.

Ellie - no recovery from Waffle experience, only in Ontario. Nothing would have happened without us. Left is still becoming, not become.

GORD - we couldn't have made a decisive difference. We can't always do so.

Ross - Evaluate problems. Up against cunning parliamentarians. No mobilization of the class at this time, passive, defensive. No sense of need of a left. An unfavorable conjunction for us. [Brookbeat on Salvador; people didn't know some statements].

Gray - GORD - It was a left convention [vehement disagreement].

No broad left. Regionalism entered the void.

Initial general assessment by Lord. Reserve job by leadership, defensive. It was rather discredited. No left outside Ontario, has no popular national figure. In absence of clear left right split, regional peculiarities filled the void.

Forward well received. Dale played a fairly good role.

FORWARD -

Will deal with Left Caucus next meeting - moved by Harry - carried.

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mailstrike paralyses things. Ross distributed De Havilland Local Paper and mailings ~~by~~ stopped by postal strike.

Forward Fund Drive - gummed up by mail strike. About \$4,000 in or pledged.

TRADE UNION - article on Building Trades. Hard to get information on it.

- (Lord) Teachers - late June, meeting called by Malcolm Buchanan to get NDP to change its policy on education. Another meeting called to set up groups and prepare positions for riding meetings, etc. Art Goshuk involved.

RCMP - Paul Copeland tried to lay charges again. Useful publicity in Globe, article by Patricia Horsford. Forward evaluates Keable inquiry in article.

- Class Friday evening ^{FBI} 17th JULY. I will have to do a phoning.

Wayne moved that he and Homily check if the left Caucus will hold such a meeting, if not we revert to the proposal of the 17th.

Harry, Wayne, Art Gray were there. Harry's place will be available, with a little social affair afterward, for Ruth Bleasdale, to cost \$25 or so of Forward money.

Poundmaker weekend - ~~at~~ August 14th weekend? - too many will be tied up on Civic ~~Ch~~ Holiday weekend - provisionally date Aug 22⁻²³. Lane must defer to next meeting.

New Business - Lord wants leave of absence late July (24th) for two weeks.

Next Branch Meeting - Monday July 20th, moved by Lane Boyd.

- Ross asked for volunteer help sorting clippings, etc.

ADJOURNMENT.

(x Postponed a week, 6 days) Forward Forum on the NDP, at Harry's. July 23.

Forward Group meeting. Monday 20th July.

MINUTES OF FORWARD GROUP, July 20, 1981 at 8:15 PM

Chair: Homily

Temp. Secretary: John D.

Attendance: Ed Reese, Dave T., Art G., Art Z absent with reason, Zane late, Dave P. not heard from

Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting adopted as information.

Membership & Contacts: Gord welcomed John Bacher into the movement as a new member. Ross reported on Ed Reese and Steve A. who were active last weekend at People's Summit in Ottawa.

Forward Distributions: Ross reported on distribution to big Ottawa ~~mainly~~ march where many revolutionary tendencies present, especially from Quebec. Ross attended main session of People's Summit assembly addressed by Paul Sweezy, CyGonick and Mel Watkins, who likened meeting to "old days of the Waffle." Sold 35 copies of Dowson Vs RCMP pamphlet as well as copies of flyer presenting Cdn Civil Liberties Union statement in support of case.

—at Summit, OWW only unionist participation although unions sponsored assembly. Six Trotskyist tendencies present, including Marcyites from New York.

—Gord and Zane also distributed Nicaragua & El Salvador party to 200 persons but many left papers present.

— in all 4000 of present issue of Forward distributed, mail strike has prevented sub mailing.

Educational: Ross reported topic agreed upon was on relationship of ~~W~~ Forward to the new Ottawa-based left caucus journal Agenda. Ross gave the educational, followed by discussion and reports on lack of organizational headway made so far by Agenda and our consequential "neutrality" in the face of this development at this time. Wayne and other comrades however are in close contact. Differences in aims and perspectives between Forward and Agenda noted.

Agenda: John B reported on upcoming Agenda conference with organization of workshops which will include discussions on the future of the Left Caucus and the recent Ontario NDP election fiasco; also the ~~is~~ issue of a left candidate for a new leader.

Left Caucus: Harry reported on need to urge a left wing candidate to run for Ontario leader. Discussion. M/C that we commit ourselves to getting Simon to run for the post.

Spadina Bye-Election: Ellie reported that Heap campaign literature has ~~a~~ very routinist tone so far.

NDP teachers' Caucus: Gord reported.

NDP: Harry K reported he possesses US documentation on the uranium cartel involving Canadian crown corps and wants to urge NDP leadership to use them against Liberal government. M/C Harry should continue to try Fedor Prov. legislatures to take this matter up, but failing this we would drop the matter.

SRDF: Ross reported publication of the Cdn Civil Liberties Union statement on McMurtty's intervention to prevent prosecution of RCMP officers in Dowson case, also subsequent Globe editorial and Ruby's letter in the Globe. Case to come to court on Sept. ~~7th~~

NEW BUSINESS

Educational next Thursday at Harry K's: Harry raised question of phoning campaign ~~in~~ next 2 days to build this. Ross to give out phone lists tomorrow PM. Bob, Harry and Wayne to speak.

Next Branch meeting: 2 weeks Monday.

Educational: undecided.

Camp Poundmaker weekend in August: referred to next meeting.

Gord suggests Poland be discussed at that weekend.

Ross reported that Luc Aujune of the Lambertiste tendency has proposed a discussion this Saturday on the Constituent Assembly question, and it was agreed that RD and Bob and another comrade if possible will meet to discuss with Luc.

Adjournment: at 11:15 PM

meeting with Luc Aujaune sunday july 26/81 at john's 2832 xpm 1400 hrs

wanted to discuss our views on demand for constituent assembly in light of decision of supreme court on trudeau's constitutional package.
Ed thought there might be some possibility to push issue again, in spite of our view that issue is probably dead now due to failure of ndp leadership to even acknowledge it as it was raised during hearings on constitutional crisis last fall, particularly john harney's and marian dewar's raising the issue, particularly the latter in a promising way.
--if supreme court does not uphold trudeau, issue will fritter away, trudeau will drop and probably resign
--if supreme court upholds federal gov't, federal ndp leadership will try to get more mileage but derailed assembly issue not likely to be raised again.
--our educational campaign on this issue likely at an end by now.

Aujaune still defends idea of constituent assembly on the quebec level as a counter to what they see as pq's bourgeois-led push for sovereignty-association. We stated our view that we were for a yes vote in the referendum and that massive reelection of pq means that quebecois see their national assembly as the arena ~~for debate~~ fight against federalism, consequently idea of constituent assembly is dead. Aujaune claims idea of a labor party growing again among left and labor circles, and ~~agreed~~ *claimed* that this idea is probably more important.

Aujaune is well integrated in left caucus circles in Ottawa milieu and was inquiring that our movement's position was on what should be the major points of discussion at the coming September conference of the left caucus in toronto. We replied that our movement has not yet had a discussion on the coming conference and was occupied in the spadina bye-election--heaps candidacy, but that we would be having a discussion shortly. we discussed the importance of a lc candidate for ontario leader and the strengths and weaknesses of simon's candidacy, in the light of the lack of other leaders coming forth in the left (i.e., Turk) we discussed the issue of Agenda magazine briefly, the lack of important financial support, hambling's cross-country contacts and their hope to publish two or three simple sheets before the lc conference in the fall.

very amicable discussion on many points, agreement on opportunism of rwl role in ndp; information on participation of tendencies at People's summit in ottawa last weekend which Aujaune was a major organizer of; importance and general close agreement on importance of left caucus.

Minutes of Forward Group, Tuesday August 4, 1981.

At Wayne and Ellie's. Chairman, Dave Piotti. Secretary, Art Gray.

ATTENDANCE - Ross, Ellie, Dave T, Dave P, Harry, Art G, Lane [Gord away, Bob H. absent, Wayne late owing to campaign work for Heap]. (Gord on leave of absence)

MINUTES - of previous meeting were read and accepted with correction of a date.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES - Sunday Luc Arjane of the OCI phoned Ross, and he and Chris Schenk met with Ross and John Darling. They consider the constituent assembly an ongoing question, but we haven't been able to carry it forward in practice. We don't see a labour party in Quebec as imminent. The matter of OCI relationship was not raised. It was a very fraternal discussion.

EDUCATIONAL - not prepared. Harry proposed dealing with the past external class, on the NDP's Vancouver convention. 15 persons there, including Joe Meslin, Gord Garbig, Phil Brown, Pat Bird. Three comrades led the discussion, but division of material became confused. Our fundamental position on how we see the NDP and other currents was not given. With careful preparation it seems possible to carry useful classes.

- POUNDMAKER weekend. Class will be Saturday at 4 PM, on Poland.

"AGENDA" - Gord and Ross are the proposed speakers. Date deferred to end of meeting. This publication is to be merely a news service, open to any letters of Left Caucus members on any subject. It doesn't substitute for Forward.

EDUCATIONAL COORDINATOR - Nobody had told Ross of the Left Caucus pamphlet on nuclear energy. We must come to grips with this question. Harry ~~pro~~ moved that we have an educational co-ordinator. Carried.

Dave Tomezak was moved and carried as educational coordinator.

NDP - MTAC - The provincial party has rejected participation in the rent review campaign, though MTAC is supposedly committed to it. Dave Tomezak will report on MTAC at the next meeting.

NDP - SPADINA CAMPAIGN - There will be canvassing in Spadina this time. Dan Fast is an organizer for Dan Heap the candidate.

Wayne (arrived 10 PM) reported that Heap is on a conservative orientation, always retreating, courting disenchanted Tories and relying on high priced help from outside the riding. He has offended many activists and Wayne doesn't expect a victory. He will ask Mike Lyons if the unions will take a more active role in the

campaign.

URANIUM CARTEL - Harry reported that Ray Scully, M.P. from north Vancouver Island, has seen the papers on the cartel and may move on this.

FORWARD - There should be a meeting of the Editorial Board as soon as Lord returns. There should be an issue by September 7 (Labour Day). The last run of 8,000 papers are mostly gone in spite of the mail strike. Yesterday John Glenn took a bundle to the Public Service Alliance meeting in Calgary.

POUNDMAKER - The August 22-23 weekend was selected, there will be three meals. Food can be bought in Japanese. Charge \$2 each for rent, plus food. We hope Marv Gondall and others from Ottawa can attend.

ONTARIO NDP LEFT CAUCUS - (Wayne) - The committee to oversee the agenda of the next Left Caucus meeting has been active. The party brass has a task force to examine the election disaster. We must develop counter proposals, and also policies for the next Ontario convention. Neap wishes to make us better activists within the NDP organization, is in a minority of one in Agenda Committee, which has its final meeting August 15, with a progressive agenda now outlined. Most people are very positive to the LC, there is no feeling of defeatism. We should play a dynamic role, with Wayne, Bob Kasher and John Bacher involved. We will prepare resolutions to present to ridings.

Rae may not run for the leadership in Ontario. In that case Martell may run against Johnson, and Simon cannot very well run against Martell, another Sudbury man.

HATBOX QUESTIONS - Does Left Caucus need a rounded program? Not at this time. A program of public ownership and an activist party are sufficient for now.

- Nuclear energy - Ross said we are not opposed to energy development. Ellie said that the capitalists will take unacceptable risks, and the whole operation must be questioned. Ross said we cannot carry that politically.

NEXT INTERNAL on nuclear energy. Proposed that Ellie and Ross each prepare 10 minute papers on what position we should take. Carried.

NEXT MEETING - tentatively set for Wednesday, August 19th.

ADJOURNMENT.

MEETING OF FORWARD GROUP, Aug 19/81 at 8:30 PM at Dave T's

Chair: Gord Temp Sect. John D.

Agenda: adopted as proposed

Minutes: of previous meeting: line adopted tho' overly detailed.

Attendance: Gord, John D., ~~Alexander~~ Dave Ross Harry K.

John Glen in US ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Homily not able to attend. Art away, Wayne & Ellie out of town, Zane ill, Dave P. on shift.

Ed Reece phoned but unable to attend, Bacher not available by phone.

Membership & Contacts: Report on Art Kershaw. Dave reported on Dave Moss, expSWP living in Hamilton interested in working on Forward.

Correspondence. Ross reported on letter received to Canadian Socialist Party from French President F. Mitterand, and covering letter from us forwarding it to Ed in Ottawa.

SRDF: RD reported on mailing of Civil Liberties statement to raise money. RCMP pamphlet sales about 1250 to date.

Harry reported main case to move to stage of application for leave to appeal to Supreme Court on Oct. 6.

Case to charge RCMPers for forgery stalled in Court of Appeal, but next hearing is Sept. 15th. Paul Copeland agreeable to take this case to Supreme Court if its ~~at~~ turned down again, along with the Praxis case. Scott from CCLA will also appear.

Harry reported he has prepared long article on main case for Osgood Hall Law Journal. He has also written to Keable Enquiry in Quebec seeking investigation of gay RCMP plant in our Quebec organization.

McDonald comm. report due soon, giving ~~xx~~ case new impetus. Paul and Harry to write article on report for Globe and Mail.

NDP Meaning of Spadina by-election victory by Heap campaign discussed, led off with report by Dave T. that despite slightly lower NDP vote and massive Liberal abstention, nevertheless a victory for NDP since Heap posed NDP as the class alternative by his reputation and as a principled candidate. Danger he will end up isolated by leadership in Ottawa, discussion around supporting him.

Wayne played key role in campaign.

MTAC: Dave reported on crisis provoked by Sewell's attempt to jump in and block out NDP label candidacy. Dave has moved quickly and effectively by setting up an NDP nomination meeting and getting Labor Council support.

Question now is to get Council to field strong labor candidate; discussion of pros and cons of Argue candidacy.

Rent Review Campaign: Discussion on possibility of getting campaign off ground this fall

Camp Poundmaker: Notices mailed out, people to be contacted. Not known if Ottawa people contacted.

Future Educationals: Ellie lined up ~~for~~for Stpe. 3 meeting with Ross on nuclear power.

Forward: Ed Board meeting postponed to next Monday 8 pm at shop.

Adjournment: at 11:30 PM

MINUTES OF FORWARD GROUP FRI. SEPT. 1) at 9 pm at Church St. HQ

Chair: Zane Secretary John D

Agenda: adopted as proposed

Minutes of meeting previous adopted as amended.

Headquarters: Ross reported new HQ nearing readiness for use by comrades.

Gord M/C to close front door at 8:15 on meeting nights and elect a Sgt-at-arms to answer doorbell.

Gord M/C that we have a seating arrangement around a table at future meetings.

Keys: M/C that Ross, Gord and Harry have sets, and other comrades can have sets if they pay for them.

Attendance: Homily out of town. Bacher Absent. Ellie late.

Membership & Contacts: Report by Gord on Don Brant: no recruitment talk with him to date. Dave and Gord to arrange time to have meeting with him for meeting in near future.

D. Dory: Ross reported making arrangements with Bacher. Harry to meet with Bacher re contacting Dory.

Educational: M/C to postpone educational so that Gord and Zane have time to prepare for next meeting.

Dave requested that his educational on the Nature of the Soviet Union be postponed further by one week.

M/C to hold educational on Poland with Zane speaking in intervening week.

NDP: MTAC: Dave reported on Don Brant campaign, East York, discussion of NDP municipal campaigns in general.

Ross reported RWL running mayoralty candidate in Hamilton as well as Toronto.

Our idea of possibly running Ross as a candidate therefore should be dropped.

M/C to adopt report.

M/C that Forward Group does not endorse RWL mayoralty candidate in Forward or in riding meetings.

Re Ross's letter to MTAC executive to re-open mayoralty candidature question,

M/c ~~by~~ Dave phone Ross if Exec. wishes to meet with him on this matter.

Dave reported on Ward 8, McDonald campaigns

Discussion on Gord's role, should give priority to Anti War work rather than getting heavily involved in trusteeship campaign.

Anti-War Gord reported that he had been elected chairperson, of committee. Report on organization of upcoming rally. M/C to adopt report.

Left Caucus: Dave reported mailing for conference being finished tonight. Also report on New Directions caucus developments. M/C we postpone evaluation of this caucus to next meeting.

Counter-Manifesto document: Wayne to write, would like opinion of comrades at next meeting. M/C to discuss this.

SRDF: Harry reported Law Union against panel discussion on RCMP, but

Morganthaler will speak on women question at Conference.

Harry & Ross ~~and~~ will discuss case with Law Union on the 16th in preparation of both cases coming up ~~this~~ in coming weeks.

All paperwork for laying criminal charges against RCMP now deposited in Ottawa with Supreme Court. Alberta ~~and~~ and Quebec governments already in courts against RCMP.

Poland: Zane reported on Labor Day participation of Polish committee, and leaflet.

Reported on meeting with Polish militants, and sedition charges against KOR leaders in Poland. Party for fund raising to be held next Sat. PM M/C to adopt.

Forward Dist: 800 dist in Hamilton by Ross and John G., almost a thousand in Toronto by Gord and John. Ross distributed Peace concert, good reaction. Ed Board to meet in a few weeks.

New Business: Gord reported that finances must be brought up to date as new HQ costs more. M/C to have financial report next week.

Poundmaker: Thanksgiving Day weekend discussed. To be held Sat. and Sun 9-10th.

Meeting Next: Wed. 22nd.

Caldenar : read

Adjournment: at 11:10 pm

Meeting of Forward Group, Sept 7th, 1981.MINUTES -
MEMBERSHIP

At Wayne and Ellie's. Chairman, Homily. Secretary, Art Gray. of the previous meeting were not available, and deferred to the next meeting. and CONTACTS - Ten persons present. Bob Sherwood was very impressed with the "Solidarity" issue of Forward and wanted extra copies. Chris Schreck also took some.

FORWARD

David Moss of Hamilton was formerly involved with the SWP. He is a computer programmer, separated, politically sophisticated and friendly to us. He is doubtful on Canadian nationalism and on nuclear questions. He should be put in touch with Hamilton comrades. Devoting one issue to Solidarity was an editorial board decision. Today 2 or 2½ thousand copies were distributed in Toronto, and 1 or 1½ thousand in Hamilton at the Labour Day events. They went well. It was the only real Solidarity document distributed today, at a time of high interest due to Solidarity's first convention.

Zane proposed a Forward distribution of Polish blocks in the Parkdale district. Carried. Walesa will visit Toronto in October. That meeting should be distributed. Also Polish dancers will be here. Zane was nominated to coordinate distributions. Carried.

There will be an issue in October, on the Mac Donald Commission report, etc. There will be an Editorial Board meeting in two weeks.

NDP - WARD 6

- The Ward 6 NDP meeting did not nominate anyone to succeed Heap as alderman. It was an opportunist vote, with a low level of debate. Heap criticized Sewell and did not support him. The executive did not want to endorse any candidate, they were not so much pro-Sewell as afraid of losing. Lines were sharp. We lost 33 to 10. The meeting degenerated toward the end and many left. The position statement was not distributed but goes to MTAC.

Discussion followed. It was a setback. There was the possibility of supporting someone else, or of running one of our own people.

Homily said that we cannot run outside the structures without undermining our own work, but if someone else comes forward we could support them. Gord said that we haven't the resources or the responsibility to run. John D said that just going along will be compromising also.

MOTION by Ross, that our members in Ward 6 try to find a candidate for alderman, ~~report~~ report back on results, and we further discuss what to do.

Discussion followed. The motion was defeated.

NDP-LEFT CAUCUS - (Report by Wayne). In ad for the September conference was carried in the New Democrat. Phonings have been done in Ottawa, London and Sudbury. The leadership question and the future of the Left Caucus will be discussed. There will be debates at Ottawa and Saint Catharines with leadership supporters. The next Convention will be under tighter rules, we need more organization in order to plug into decision making. The LC lacks definition and is not very political. It should be more anti-war.

Wayne will give an internal educational on the Left Caucus, Sept. 26 or 27, and Harry will try to compose a draft program for the Left Caucus.

"AGENDA" - Harry has received two leaflets of "Agenda". Wayne maintained contact, and submitted one ~~edit~~ article on the constitutional discussions at the Vancouver NDP convention. But his name was omitted from their list, and he did not know how to interpret this.

MOTION -

Harry moved that Wayne contact the Agenda people and try to maintain a connection. Carried.

RCMP - (Report by Harry) - The McDonald Commission report is out, but itenson crimes are deleted.

① The Law Union is organizing a meeting of RCMP victims for Oct. 16th, with several speakers and groups. CCLA is asked. Jeff White will be there.

② on Sept. 15 there is a legal hearing on the Ontario Attorney General's blocking of the Dawson and Buchbinder cases.

③ on Sept 30 Ross and Harry, with Carl Brand, will appear before the Supreme Court of Canada to see if the case can proceed.

SRDF - There is more activity now. Harry Payne has contacted Ross.

EDUCATIONALS - (past) - modest turnout at the Poland educational at Poundmaker. Ross made introduction, Harry covered the decisive points. Kids interfered with it. In future they should be briefer and start later.

(future) - we need the Left Caucus educational next, one on our NDP work can come later.

MOTION -

Zane moved that tonight's educational be postponed. Carried.

Wayne said the LC discussion is not an educational but a political report. Then we can have an educational on the nuclear question.

NEW BUSINESS - MOTION by Wayne, that executive be empowered to decide municipal candidate policy at a later meeting. Carried.

NEXT MEETING - special, primarily on L.C. matters, at Harry's, Sunday night. ADJOURNMENT.

Ross: These are notes for a meeting that Ellie gave to me awhile ago. They should go in the minute book, I guess.

David (T.)

Sept 29/81

Forward

- At Wayne + Ellie's

Chair - Jane
Sec. - Ellie

Minutes - of Sept 7 - read, adopted

Membership & present - Jane Ross, Harry, John David, Wayne
Ellie - Honkilly

RCMP¹⁾ Harry - we lost the case at the Supreme Ct of Ont.
motion - that we go on to the Supreme Ct of Canada
~~we have decided to go to the Supreme Ct~~
→ carried

2) Gender action - is taking place Thurs. - Supreme Ct

3) Ross - article in Our Generation by Palmer
is very favorable to us

4) Harry - Law Union Report
- Conference comm. of the Law Union
refused to let Ross speak at conference
- end of Nov. - for large mtg on the RCMP

NDP:

① Riding reports
Harry - reports on Parkdale

② St. George - Ross

③ MTAC - report - Dave
- report on council mtg
- report adopted
- motion - that we endorse the council's
rent review campaign & will attempt
to divert some resources to it

④ Left Caucus:

Meeting of Forward Group, Tuesday October 6, 1981.

Members present: Ross D., Harry K., Homily, Gord D., Dave T., Art G. (Wayne late).
[Zane is ill, John working, John Baker and Ellie couldn't come; Wayne at a meeting]. Meeting held at the Tomeyak house.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SEPT. 17, (available only in rough draft) were approved.

~~BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES~~ Chairman Gold Doctorow. Secretary Art Gray.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES - Discussion of a left slate for the Ontario NDP convention was deferred till the next meeting. Proposed meeting of editorial board was moved to "new business".

MEMBERSHIP and CONTACTS - Lynn Carlton, in St. Andrew-St. Patrick, is a dynamic and outgoing person, a reader of Forward. Rob Fairlie, of a C.P. family, was in the student movement. He joined CPL, later broke and joined NDP. He retains some Stalinist views and we must be careful with him.

SRDF (report by Harry K) - Carl Beard and Harry went to the Supreme Court in Ottawa last Thursday, it didn't really want to hear them and refused the application for leave to appeal, which is fatal to the case.

There is a possibility of forming a local tribunal to hear it, or of an appeal to the United Nations.

Ross said the judges had to decide as they did because no real pressure could be generated, so we couldn't win the case. It was useful and we got some response. Charges against two RCMP members are still going on. A new press release will be drawn up. It is the only civil action against the RCMP. We have the Law Union invitation to a meeting of RCMP victims, but most victims did nothing; only the En Little group did anything at all. The Bertrand Russell tribunal in Britain had abundant funds and contacts. It condemned American imperialism and reached the public. Similar action must be considered a possibility.

MOTION by Ross to prepare and send out a press release for the SRDF. Carried.

Harry said a case to the UN must be in writing; it would be inexpensive and a victory seems possible. He will report on it at the next meeting.

NDP-

Leadership - Johnson is a demagogue and not a very desirable candidate, but no one else came forward and he has laid the groundwork for the left to support him. He may go farther. Homily said Johnson attacks Rae on financial and organizational grounds, accepts Cassidy's industrial strategy, is weak on policy, and did not want direct left caucus support.

OVER.

Dave said Johnson has no left tradition whatever, and seeks to use the left for support against Rae. There is a critical mood as the party brass has botched things up, and this may help Johnson.

Gord said Johnson is an opportunist, ~~by~~ touching left issues to obtain a base in the riding associations. The dynamic is for him to move leftward, and critical support is a practical position.

NDP - "Next Four Years" documents. The original party document has to be fought, its policy alternatives are to the right.

Ross spoke on Maw Gordall's document. It is very subtle, and addressed to social democrats. It contains nothing organizational, Maw probably has a second document in preparation. Dale Ritch's document is a hard socialist position, addressed to revolutionaries.

Gord said Dale's document won't go over with riding associations. We must follow on "the 2nd of March", stress nationalization of resources, and be an anti-war party.

Art B. pointed out that L.C. is provincial, and nationalization demands will be ruled out of order. He praised the Sutherland [Downcott] document.

Ross said we need a rounded document. We must speak of the crisis in the party. We don't need a complete program. A committee should work on it.

Dave T. needs a document for S&A & Phidig meeting tomorrow night. We can use general principles as items of referral. An approval in principle will do, then we can do a general mailing of it.

We must stress ① democratic control of party bodies ② accountability of the party executives to party members ③ it must be an activist party ④ NDP must have municipal involvement ⑤ we must have a ~~fast~~ fundamentally different type of party, socialist, a movement not an electoral machine. We must submit a document by about October 15th.

EDUCATIONAL - deferred to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS - 8,000 copies of the last Forward have been distributed. The Forward Group is tight on funds at the moment. Provincial Council of the NDP will be meeting on the 18th. A meeting of the Editorial Board will be held on Tuesday October 20th.

NEXT MEETING - called for next Wednesday, at Dave Tomczak's, 375 Front St. E.
ADJOURNMENT.

Meeting of Forward Group Wednesday October 27, 1981.

Meeting was held at 7141 Street Court. Called to order 8:30 P.M.

Chairman John Bacher. Secretary, Art Gray. An agenda was drawn up.

ATTENDANCE -

Dave T, John B., Ross D, Harry K, Ellie, Gord, Art S. Absent with reason, Bob K, Wayne. Dave Piotti and Jane B. could not be reached.

MINUTES -

of the October 14 meeting were read and accepted.

N. D. P -

WARD 6 MEETING - Ellie reported that the core of the organization was weak on Sewell, 25 attended. The NDP is uncomfortable with municipal politics and we must fight for the right to speak on the mayoralty question.

(Ross) It was a defeat not to contest against Sewell. Heaf was ambiguous on this Community Organization people supported Sewell. We ourselves came out OK.

NDP - MTAC

(Dave T) There is a meeting Nov. 11 ~~to reconstitute the executive~~, and there is an annual meeting in mid-January. The executive will be reconstituted.

EDUCATIONAL -

DEBATE ON NUCLEAR ENERGY - Ross on the pro-development position. An NDP committee under Donald McDonald said development was a tolerable risk. So the "no nukes" position became difficult for us when NDP gave ^{the} go ahead. But the Darlington station had no environmental assessment. We are materialists, we believe in progress. It should be under Hydro. But then question all progress. The SWP says "no nukes." But no nuclear development is not the same thing as no nuclear arms. The basic question is of war, not of energy. Hambling considers the issue lost in Saskatchewan. But Bill Bennett bowed to the environmentalists in B.C. The bourgeois can break the anti-nuclear movement; the key issue is anti-war.

(DAVE T.) - The anti-nuke movement is not waning. Increased pressure for development will meet increased resistance. Vast scientific resources are spent in the nuclear area, none on other energy sources. Industry needs cheap power. The nuclear industry is huge, a source of private power accumulation, subsidized by the state. Reactors to South Korea and Argentina will mean a cheap base for the multinationals, not socialist development. There is potential for mass mobilization on the health issue. The Canon Diabolo demonstrations were smashed, with 4,000 jailed, but this is not a sign of decline.

(HARRY) We face a scientific question, a political question, and a question of program.

(ELLIE) - As a small group we cannot intervene much in nuclear orientation. Fear of pollution caused mass actions at Camp Borden, Niagara, Scarborough. Majority of scientists are involved in sellouts and cover-ups. Capital

controls the scientific thinking. Most progress under capitalism is double edged

ART GRAY - Uranium miners, aside from health questions, are concerned for their jobs and do not assume any responsibility for use of their product. They will give no leadership and will be an influence on the steelworkers and other unions.

Ross (Summary). The USSR backs nuclear power. Risks are not in the science, but in the use made of it. The report of MacDonald covers the subject. The world needs nuclear energy. The struggle against nuclear power is already lost. The existence of capitalism is the basic problem.

DAVE T. (Summary). People are worried about their own deaths. Nuclear development offers deadly dangers. People can react massively, the anti-nuke movement is not declining, and politically we must take account of it.

Debate Adjourned (it was 10³⁰ PM).

NDP- LEADERSHIP - (all candidates meeting). (Gord D) There were 300 at the Steelworkers' Hall. Foulds is right wing and not a serious candidate. Rae, like Johnston, uses "areas of concern" with no program for them. Johnson favoured nationalizing the five biggest banks. Gord recommended conditional support to Johnston.

Dave - Johnston pulls away on solutions. Rae said nothing of any substance, and is media oriented. Simon Rosenblum supports Johnston, also Peter White, Peter Hatch, Angus Palmer. Most leftists favor Johnston.

Harry - Johnston won't disclose his platform. Forward's next issue should not take any position. Ellie said abstention would be wrong and useless.

MOTION by Ross that we give critical support to Johnston, with caution at this stage. Gord said Johnston must move leftward for campaign momentum, he is responding to his audiences. We have nothing to lose by trying to influence him.

MOTION ~~RESOLUTION~~ carried. It is 11.03 PM.

NDP- LEFT CAUCUS - It meets ~~Wednesday~~ ^{TUESDAY} Nov. 10th. John Bacher said persons are planning to run for posts on a left slate at the Convention of the ONDP.

FORWARD - deadline for articles is the 9th, dead - deadline the 14th. Clippings are up to date.

CALENDAR - The Left Caucus meeting, Nov. 10th. A large anti-imperialist demonstration is planned for Saturday ~~November~~ ^{October} 30, leaving from Allan Gardens. Next branch meeting scheduled for Monday Nov. 9th.

ADJOURNMENT.

Minutes of the Toronto Forward Group, November 6, 1981 held at Carr St Court
attendance- Wayne, Ellie, Ross, Art, Bob, Gord and John--absent with reason Dave T
and John B

Chairperson--Gord, Secretary--Art G

Minutes of previous meeting October 27 read. Discussion as to the adviseability and usefulness of the secretary attempting to write up minutes which attempt to summarize and attempt to present a fairly detailed picture of all that transpired at the meeting, for instance the attempt in these minutes to spell out the main ideas of an extended educational and the various contributions as the secretary understood them and interpreted them.

Motion by Ross that we accept the October 27 minutes as read, as information. passed

Motion by Ross that future minutes record formally agreed upon decisions of the meeting, information on coming events of significance to the functioning of the branch and anything that a comrade asks to be specifically recorded in the minutes. passed

Ross volunteered to record this meeting in the spirit of the above motion--agreed
Membership --noted that in the light of Dave taking over the notifications it is not clear that Ed R (whose new address we have not yet received) and Dave P received notice.

Motion that Art Y be invited to attend the next meeting. passed.

NDP- Discussion on the Left Caucus developments. Bob reported on the announced break from the Left Caucus by Heap, Turk, Macpherson and the circulation of their statement fairly widely throughout the Left Caucus and supporters.

Motion -that we encourage the Co-ordinating Committee immediately prepare a statement taking up the defectors' slanderous attack on it for circulation as soon as possible, and that it should be drafted along the following lines: (1) repudiation of any idea that the Left Caucus considers itself to be an alternative leadership of the party --affirming its aim as the promotion of socialist ideas within the party and at all levels of the party

(2) repudiation of the slanderous attacks about the preparation and organizing the Left Caucus September conference (3) and that it contain a strong statement of determination by the Left Caucus to carry on with its work, without the solidarity of the defectors if necessary, but its preparedness, in the spirit of its concept of itself as an open Left Caucus, to work with any or all of them in the future in any areas of common agreement. agreed.

Motion--that in light of the prestigious position of the defectors in the left and certain anti-Trotskyist slanders being gossiped about, that a political response to the defectors be prepared and that a score of leading activists be approached to endorse it, agreed. Motion that Gord, Bob and Wayne prepare this statement. Motion that we do everything possible to build up the coming November 10 Toronto Left Caucus meeting on Gladstone Ave, that we encourage Simon to come in to participate, and, that we suggest the meeting decide as to whether the mailing go out immediately or go out with the November 30 meeting mailing--agreed

Discussion on the preparations for the election of officers to the provincial executive at the coming Ontario NDP convention

Motion by Wayne that we encourage the Left Caucus to present a wide slate on a clearly defined minimum program that can be filled or fleshed out with persons presently not actively involved in the Left Caucus--agreed

Educational took the form of an extended report and discussion on the Ont NDP educational policy, lead by Gord.--specifically the Tory governments preparations to impose Metro wide bargaining on the Teachers' Federation. Gord outlined what are the essential two positions; (1) The Toronto Board of Education, headed by NDPers, seeks to maintain local bargaining as it now is--as it allows Toronto to set a higher standard so stimulating the demands of the teachers in the other areas. and (2) The Teachers Federation is not opposed to Metro-wide bargaining in principle, but is as it appears certain it is an attempt on the part of the provincial government to impose Metro-wide seniority system on the teachers federation. The Labour Council's position is essentially the same as the Federations. Motion--that we are opposed to the governments imposition of Metro wide bargaining through the non-elective Metro council and that we seek to open up discussion in the Federation to rally opposition to the provincial government.

Educational--Next week--Harry Kopyto on the situation within the revolutionary left in Canada and the present conjuncture. Next meeting--Nov 25. Motion to adjourn passed

Minutes of Meeting of Forward Group, December 4, 1981.
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At 7 Can Street Court. Chairman Lane Boyd. Secretary Art Gray.

Minutes of the previous meeting will be available for next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE - Harry K. Koda letter from the Pratt Three Defence Committee. Actually this case is being carried by the Quebec government.

MEMBERSHIP AND CONTACTS - Present: Lane, Art G., Wayne, Ellie, Dave T., Ross, Harry K., John Bacher.

Anne Dowson at Ottawa has been very active and helpful.

NDP - Leadership Campaign - Johnson comes out clearly as the left candidate. We do not know who will support him as yet. The level of party activity is still low. Rae is the establishment candidate with "areas of concern" approach and no commitments. Foulds "wants to bring the party to power."

MOTION by Ross D. that we give critical support to Johnson. Motion carried.

MOTION by Ross D. that members contact Johnson (at 965-7771) and help in his campaign. Motion carried.

It was considered however that Rae is winning and Johnson is a novice by comparison. Several riding meetings come up soon.

NDP - LEFT CAUCUS Steering Committee - met at Dave's house, Sunday Nov. 29th.

No one wanted a constitution discussion placed on agenda. There will be a report on running a left slate. Dale wanted to get a hard line program for the LC, and was opposed by Simon. The steering committee probably won't meet again till after January 16th. We must clarify our own line on LC program. There is no rush to Johnson.

MOTION - that the educational next week be on the Left Caucus and the leadership question. Motion carried. Dave will give the educational. [at the January meeting]

EDUCATIONAL - Harry Kopyto on the Canadian left groupings. Some, such as CPC-ML, don't need much comment. RWL, IS, Sports show a slow degeneration. "In Struggle" has many good elements, and is in an intense internal discussion. Founded in 1972, it was Maoist, and has evolved till now it faces a crisis. They waver between minimum and maximum programs, and realize now that it is not a pre-revolutionary situation in Canada.

Discussion - This is a large group of 5 or 6 hundred, and widespread. They are meeting tomorrow at 736 Bathurst Street, 1-5 PM, several of us should go.

SRDF - On Monday, Dec. 7, the legal case goes before the Supreme Court in Ottawa. Two meetings, at the two universities, Carleton and Ottawa, have been arranged by Ann Dowson. Ross is to speak, Monday at the

University of Ottawa, Tuesday at Carleton. On the suit that is now over, there can be a final appeal to the Federal cabinet, and it can then be carried to the United Nations.

RCMP - (Harry) The Law Union ended by doing nothing on the RCMP matter. Harry wants them to file a letter of complaint that Kaplan advocated commission of crimes by the RCMP.

CCLA - (this meeting was before the last branch meeting) - some 50 or 60 present, not many. Borovsky gave emphasis to Ross's case, but he supported the "override" clause. Some ten persons spoke against the "override" clause.

HARRY'S CASE - Harry's opponents say they just want him reprimanded, but an effort at impeachment could develop. Paul Copeland wants to lay low on the political aspects. On February 2 it is before the Law Society. The Law Union gave over 100 names in Harry's support. It has cost some \$5,000 to date.

NEW BUSINESS - Ross attended the funeral of Natalie Hortatink. There were a number of people present known to us.

The Alliance of Non-Zionist Jews has called a demonstration tomorrow at 102 Bloor Street West, 12 to 1 PM. It is in protest against the arrest of Jewish and non Jewish students in Israel.

The paper is becoming an urgent matter, we need to get it out.

MOTION - That Forward Group have a meeting in mid December. Carried.

NEXT MEETING - set for December 17th, at Dave Tomeyk's house, at 8 PM.

ADJOURNMENT.

Meeting of Forward Group, Thursday, Dec. 17, 1981.

At Dave T's house. 6 persons present. Dave, Tone, Harry, Ross, Gord, Art G.

Chairman, Harry K. Secretary, Art G. An agenda was drawn up.

Minutes - of the December 4 meeting were read and accepted, with a correction of the date of the educational on the Left Caucus.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES - Ross gave an informal report on the December 5 open meeting of the "In Struggle" group. Their speakers were Zuebecois. The internal differences are basic and severe, and their regroupment is doubtful.

MEMBERSHIP AND CONTACTS - Ellie, Wayne and Homily are away; John Bacher had no transport, Art Jaszyk couldn't come. Lynn Carleton is an NDP leftwinger, former YS member whom we should cultivate. Ann Dowson has been very active at the University of Ottawa, should be invited to LC conf.

NDP - PROVINCIAL COUNCIL - Last meeting was addressed by the leadership candidates. Johnson's speech was limited to mediocre, he did not seem to realize the importance of this chance to address the party executive. Rae did. Serious questions on public ownership, nuclear energy, etc were raised from the floor.

The task force report on housing was ~~shared~~^{tabled} through without ~~proper discussion or debate~~. A VAW report on the auto industry was accepted as party policy without modification. Wayne spoke on the parts industry, and John Bacher moved two amendments which were defeated. The "Next Four Years" document will be revised. A resolution in support of solidarity was carried, and Cassidy used it. Only the LC people oppose the leadership and fight on every key issue.

NDP - RIDINGS - Johnson got the delegates of Parkdale and most of those of Beaches, but Rae took Riverdale massively. St George meets Jan 7th. Rae has an anti-ideology line and his speeches are empty. Johnson is less competent but more left and will be a polarizing influence within the party for a time. Spedina had a meeting with 50 present. Don Heap made a left speech. Many were new people.

NDP - TEACHERS' CAUCUS - The original NDP Teachers Caucus died of stagnation four years ago. The new one is active and growing. Gord Doctrow and Art Jaszyk are active in it. Resolutions are to the left of what the party brass will accept. Malcolm Buchanan, a LC supporter, may run for ~~the~~ presidency of the OSSTF.

NDP - LEFT CAUCUS - The Forward Group is doing most of the work. Homily is the contact

person, but he will be absent for two weeks, and no one is filling in for him on the phone work.

FORWARD- A committee meeting will be held after this meeting adjourns.

RCMP- We won on the appeal to the Supreme Court. We can go on for a further period, and launch an appeal for funds. Ross notified the press. Ross addressed two successful meetings at Ottawa, at Carleton and Ottawa universities, arranged by Ann Dawson. At Carleton there were some 200 present, and at Ottawa U. there was sponsorship by two faculties.

EDUCATIONAL- Harry Kopyto spoke on events in Poland. He will also write an article for Forward on this. The talk was followed by a long discussion on Polish events.

NEW BUSINESS- There is a meeting of the Polish Workers Solidarity Committee tonight, in Hamilton, and one in Toronto tomorrow night. I am will go to it tomorrow, we will ask Art Jaseyk to go also.

The NDP is holding a New Years party. Admission is ^{to} 20.

Articles for Forward are needed now. We must have an issue out for the Left Caucus convention.

NEXT MEETING- Set for Tuesday January 5, 1982, at Wayne and Ellie's place.

ADJOURNMENT.

Minutes of Forward Group - Meeting of Friday, Jan 8, 1982

At 7 Clair Street Court. Present - John Bacher, Art L., Homily, Gord, Dave L., Ross, Ellie, Wayne, Lane, Harry. Absent - John Darling has flu, Dave Potti not contacted. Chairman, Gord Doctorow. Secretary, Art Gray.

MINUTES of the Dec. 17th meeting were read and two corrections made. Malcolm Buchanan may run for president of OSSTF; the Housing Task Force report at NDP Provincial Council was tabled. The minutes as amended were accepted.

MEMBERSHIP AND CONTACTS - Dave Tomeyak has spoken with Lynn Carleton, she will be at a St A & P meeting. Dave Moss, a close contact, active in LC, has approached Harry Kopyt about joining. He has offered to work on the paper.

LEFT CAUCUS - the forum on nuclear arms and the conference of the Left Caucuses come up next week. Don Brantford Dale Ritch wants a group of LC people to meet for informal discussions. This was felt to be unwise, we can speak freely in the LC as it is now, and the LC Steering Committee should make policy.

MOTION - That we are not opposed to informal caucuses in principle, but we have reservations, and do not wish to participate in one informal caucus at present. Carried.

Many names are not on the LC mailing list and some addresses have changed. Dave and Homily are the only Toronto people on the Steering Committee, difficulties rose during the Turk-Heaps split and things got behind.

REPORT ON L.C. AGENDA (Wayne) - Simon has developed a slate of left and centre persons for nearly all the executive positions, with a programmatic statement on internal democracy, accountability of the executive and on activist party. There are six hard centrists on a slate with Evelyn Gigantes, hostile to us.

MOTION by Ross, that we endorse the program and accept a coalition slate with adequate left representation. Carried.

Ellie is on the panel on Party Democracy, which could be a key issue.

We should propose that Steering Committee meetings be publicized and people encouraged to come. There are no politics in the NDP clubs. The LC begins with a forum, Friday. Forums avoid a direct challenge to the leadership while raising issues the leaders are avoiding. They would also help keep the LC going and should be ongoing events. The NDP is doing nothing to educate.

EDUCATIONAL - Dave Tomeyak spoke on the Ontario NDP leadership question. The contest is essentially between Rae and Johnson. Rae is presented as a "man of charisma" with what Dianne Rossman called "politics of hope", and no class outlook whatever.

The questions put to candidates in "New Democrat" were useful. At the last leadership convention we didn't support anyone; this time we do.

We must decide whether we push the LC to support Johnson. If this develops by itself, OK. Forcing the issue might be divisive. Johnson won't win, and a resolution to support him might lose. A few LC people support Rae.

DISCUSSION followed. Johnson doesn't want endorsement. But we have to play an educational role in the party. We can all state our own views. Johnson is a public figure, we can speak on him publicly. Lack of politics in the campaign really hurts Johnson.

MOTION - To raise the matter of supporting Johnson in the LC conference. Moved by Ross. Carried.

MOTION - by Ross, to have a committee of three persons for the LC conference. Carried.

MOTION - That our comrades raise the question of a succinct statement of purpose for the LC. Carried.

MOTION by Gord, that at the LC conference we propose that LC leaflets on some key policy issues, emerging from the policy discussion, to go to the NDP convention. Carried.

FORWARD - A core of comrades are needed Saturday and Sunday to finish the paper. Dave Moss will be invited to help. Everyone come at 10⁰⁰ Sunday morning.

POLISH WORKERS SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE - Report by Lane. There are a dozen active members, including a couple of IS, an RWT, some Polish socialists. There is no way of avoiding contacts with the right wing. PWSC is sending a circular to trade unions urging support for solidarity. The Montreal Committee OK'd a trade embargo on Poland and the USSR but some are hesitant over this. The matter will come up again, Sunday. Groups will be set up on the campuses. A solidarity leader will meet privately with the committee tomorrow.

DISCUSSION followed. We shouldn't approve a wide boycott, nor a boycott of food. It is basically a struggle of Polish workers and Polish bureaucrats. Solidarity is struggling to supple the economy of Poland in order to win.

MOTION by Harry, in 3 parts. (with an amendment proposed by Ross).

1. At this time any proposal to boycott any country but Poland is just anti-communism.
2. We call for a boycott of arms and other goods to Poland, but not of USSR if there is no open intervention in Poland.
3. We oppose a boycott of food and medical supplies; distribution to be under Catholic auspices if necessary.

CARRIED.

NEXT MEETING - Called for Wed. Jan. 20th.

ADJOURNMENT.

Meeting of Forward Group. Jan 20 (Wed), 1982.

At Tomeyak's. Present were Harry, Lane, John Darling, Dave Tomeyak, Ross, Art S, Wayne, John Basher, Ellie. We have talked to Dave Piotti. Lord couldn't come.

Chairman, Lane. Secretary, Art S.

MINUTES of the previous meeting were not ready and were deferred till next meeting.

MEMBERSHIP AND CONTACTS - Dave Moss is a contact of Harry and a potential recruit. He is to move to Toronto in five weeks; he is now in Hamilton. Helped on the paper.

MOTION - by Harry Kopyto - to seat Dave Moss at the next meeting. After discussion it was decided to defer the matter for now.

NDP - Left Caucus - (report by Harry) - Conference of LC on Sat. Jan. 16 - it was low level, as in the past. The destruction of Turk and Heap had no impact. Alice and Dan Heap came to the Friday forum on "The NDP and the Peace Movement", and Kay McPherson attended both meetings. The RWL is now definitely involved. There is a problem of what the LC is and what it should do. Key questions were the endorsement of Johnson and the slate alliance with centrists. It is not a firm movement and the meeting had little direction.

Discussion followed. Simon Rosenblum had said the LC has no control on Johnson's actions. The leadership debate was better lost than simply avoided. The slate members accept a "party internal democracy" statement that is weak but better than nothing. The right wing have already put on pressure, and Alice Heap and Jean Melby have withdrawn their names. Simon is a maneuverer, but he helps make us kosher.

Next Left Caucus meeting Feb. 4th, and steering committee should meet before that.

Trade Union - The Montreal transit strikers are beginning to fold up under pressure.

NDP - St Andrew - St. Patrick. In this riding all the executive supported Johnson, but a Rae slate was elected by the members 136-84. The executive is considering resigning. In ST. DAVIDS the same situation occurred and six of the executives resigned. Discussion followed. The consensus was that there is nothing to gain by resigning, unless the move is unified, it is better to try to regroup and gradually renew the mandate.

EDUCATIONAL - postponed till next week.

FORWARD - The paper is now out, a good issue except women's issues were omitted. We will distribute it at the NDP convention. The press run

is reduced, there are about 5,000 copies for distribution.

NEW BUSINESS - There is a demonstration by COSPES, for Salvador, ^{FRI} Jan. 23, which we should distribute.

There is a call by Solidarity for demonstrations against martial law in Poland, January 30th, backed by the CLC. A petition is circulating whose demands are progressive, but calls for a trade embargo against the USSR as well as Poland. We do not approve the boycott call against USSR but cannot separate it out and the petition is acceptable otherwise.

Adjournment 11:05 P.M. Next Meeting Sunday January 31 at Wayne and Ellie's.

MEETING OF FORWARD GROUP

SUNDAY JANUARY 31, 1982.

At Wayne and Ellie's. Meeting called for 2 PM but a major snowstorm made difficulties. Present were Ellie, Harry, Homily, Art G., Dave T, Ross, Lane, Gord. Chairman, Homily. Secretary, Art Gray.

Minutes of meetings of January 8th and January 20th were read and accepted.

RCMP (report by Harry) - The Law Union had a discussion of possible actions against the RCMP. Praxys might bring a civil suit for theft of its documents. John Riddell could sue over the defamatory forged letter. The Charter of Rights should place some limitation on police powers. Or Kaplan the solicitor general could face disbarment proceedings for counselling the police to break the laws.

Paul Copeland feels it is dangerous to ask disbarment of Kaplan on the basis of statements; it could recoil against leftist lawyers. It was decided to circulate a letter drawn up by Harry, which would mention Copeland's objection.

DISCUSSION followed on the advisability of calling for Kaplan's disbarment. Speakers argued on both sides, till time ran out and discussion was adjourned.

MOTION - by Harry, that he proceed with his efforts. CARRIED.

NDP - LEFT CAUCUS (CONVENTION) (Report by Dave). There are no new developments. There will be a room for the LC meetings at the hotel during the convention. Simon ^{reported} ~~stated~~ the steering committee to meet till Thursday. The Council meeting starts at 8 PM Thursday and key decisions by the brass will be made then.

DISCUSSION - the steering committee must set up floor representation. There is no agreement within the LC on the Auto Task Force Report, which says a Canadian car is impractical. We say it can be done by subsidies to save the Canadian industry. We have favoured nationalization of the industry in our press. The rights will say we can't afford it. There are only 3 agreed LC leaflets so far.

MOTION - A position paper will be put forward by Wayne incorporating a referral motion opposed to the auto task force ~~of~~ presentation based on the nationalization of Canadian auto industry. This ~~will~~ will be presented by Wayne. CARRIED.

DISCUSSION - a key problem is women's issues. Women should get 50% of the key posts. ALC women's leaflet, largely ~~written~~ ^{written} by Judy Reibick, will be produced. This is rather mechanical, mainly to change the council and the provincial executive. It doesn't really solve the problem; the resolution just talks of candidates, council and executive. But we can't oppose it, that would

split the L.C. We will try to low-key it, or try to move amendments.

DISCUSSION - The first LC meeting in particular should have a strong chairperson, so reports are worked out and slued in. Jim Turk was able to get results. Hornily suggested that Phil Brown would be a good chairman.

A suggestion of a separate Forward Group floor leadership was rejected. We identify completely with the L.C. at the convention.

Gord proposed that Ross, an Alternate, be involved in the Auto Port debate, where the right will have strong speakers and we have few knowledgeable speakers to oppose them.

Ross raised the matter of distributing the paper at the Convention. There are two main entrances. If you have a delegate's or alternate's badge no one, except high brass ~~and~~ will bother you. Other people will also be distributing leaflets. Saturday morning seemed to be the best time for a distribution of Forward.

There is a really professional pamphlet for the opposition slate.

POLISH WORKERS SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE - (Report by Lane). There was a big (3,000) demonstration for Poland yesterday. The Forge group, IS and PWSC were there with banners, as well as rightists. PWSC had a leaflet. 200 programs of Solidarity were sold at \$2 each. More will be published. The PWSC has a steering committee that will meet every two weeks. The meeting with the Solidarity leader did not occur. The RWL left PWSC because of the boycott clause. Pulkey made a good speech at the demo.

DISCUSSION - appeal to the unions goes over CLC leadership's head and undercuts what the CLC has already done. The RWL is showing lack of confidence in the Polish working class. The demonstration was clearly labour in character. Art Jasiyk was active there. We were more accepted, with little hostility, some 800 papers were distributed. The right-wing Polish National Congress is under internal pressures. We used the slogans of Solidarity itself. RWL is taking the easy way out.

The Parkdale NDP wants a presence on this committee. Ross recommended the Solidarity Information Office which is CLC backed, but individuals could contact PWSC also. PWSC should have a booth at the Convention, and sell the Solidarity program there.

MOTION TO ADJOURN, 5.15 PM.

Adopted Feb 4/82

MINUTES of

Meeting - Forward Group, Feb. 14, 1982 at 8:30 pm

Chair: Gord

Secretary John

Attendance: above two, plus Ross, Harry, Dave and Zane. Ellie & Wayne, Art Grey out of town. Homily and Dave not contacted.

Minutes: of Jan. 31 meeting and adopted as amended.

Membership Discussion on David Moss.

Harry reported John Glenn looking for job in Metro

NDP - Convention Assessment: Dave gave reported. Public ownership gaining support on wider basis, and left which did not make gains in aura of leadership race euphoria was nevertheless able to make itself felt on a modest basis. Left Caucus suffered lack of leadership on floor, but alternative slate initiative was positive in that it met some response among Johnston forces. Leadership was out to win all posts and largely succeeded. We intervened on Autopact issue and Sudbury forces effectively argued their positions.

Quebec: John D. reported on visit to En Lutte conference in Montreal largely dominated by attendance and issues raised by ex-members interested in re-entering a reformed, more democratic and less sectarian movement. None of opposing tendencies there in serious numbers, discussion fundamental issues but diffuse. No orientation to PQ. Combat Socialist has dissolved into new Socialist Manifesto Group.

Forward: Ross reported on distribution of Forward at NDP prov. convention —reaction uncertain.

SRDF: Harry reported on move to petition United Nations on issues of RCMP immunity to breaking law.

Charges will be laid in another action against Yaworski and other admitted police lawbreakers, in a lower court.

Action of leave to appeal to Supreme court will be dragged out to next year probably.

Petition against Attorney-General Kaplan for disciplining him for advocating RCMP breaking the law being circulated by Copeland with Law Union aid.

—Committee will seek to use anti-thought control clause in new Charter of Rights to force RCMP to stop harassing labor and socialist movements.

M/C to adopt report.

Poland: Zane reported on distribution of series of meetings leaflet at NDP convention. Meetings (6) to be held on U of T. Campus

Educational: Left Caucus planning meeting to evaluate convention shortly, probably with panel.

Internal educational on internal educational work proposed for next meeting.

Next Meeting: discussed, final date to be organized.

Adjournment: at 11:15 PM

Wed. Feb. 25th approx 182

(Found in 1982)

Called to order 8.45 PM. Ellie, chair. At Vornjak '4.

Minutes still at headquarters. Proposed Agenda

8 present [Wayne late] Art, Harry, Ellie, Ross, Gord, Lane, John & Dave T.

Minutes deferred to next branch meeting. [WAYNE late]

Minutes criticized by Ross as unbalanced; should be on resolutions, motions, and what wanted recorded. Minutes have not been sent out. These minutes are not good minutes to send out. (Lane) the minutes are impressions. Motions should be recorded. Should be synoptic. (Ross) we do not often have motions. They will cause problems.

(Gord) - move that minutes be adopted

(Ellie) - requested Art to alter character of his minutes.

(Ross) - request that Art check minutes with Ross.

Lane volunteered to work with Art.

Gord moved that Lane and Art be in charge of minutes.

Moved that question of mailing be deferred for the present.

Question of mailing to Ed Reese.

Ross moved that Ed Reese be mailed.

Gord raised question of sending minutes to Art Joschuk. (Ross pointed out that he is able to attend if he wishes.)

A few subs coming in. Post office now reports on old addresses, returned some 25 papers.

Motion by Lane to adopt Ross's report on memberships and contacts.

Ward 6 NDP some would be candidates will be there. Two running. We hear candidates point of view tomorrow night. Ellie will run for Ward 6 vice pres.

- Layton, Brunner. [Layton not very satisfactory]. [Loyean has ruined the CO line]

- What is Layton's position on running two candidates. We have clashed with Layton before. We should question him. Little information on Brunner. [Serrell problem]. [C & people].

Question of supporting two candidates.

MOTION - Ross to challenge Layton on previous record, also on two candidates matter. Carried.

Kopyto questioned on Brunner. Not leftist. Neither candidate really satisfactory.

DALE - Proposed discussion MAR 5th. (Harry reporting). Majority support our position.

Public meeting at Frank Bayne's home, 7:30 PM. [Lane - PWSC has decided not to push the petition calling for boycott; but defending solidarity's stand.]

Ross moved that Harry and Lane get our views of Poland in a resolution form and

MTAC

try to get it passed. Carried ✓.

No meeting recently. Convention in 5 weeks time. Some expect my resign. [Gord raised majority discussion] Dave no action at MTAC level. No real feeling for a majority campaign. Convention obscured it. [Pat Sheppard? We cannot any longer generate a draft for Pat Sheppard. [Richard Johnson?] final speeches brilliant. ~~4-4~~

Policy -

Dale's meeting - attempting to get Richard Johnston to come to meeting, on question of accountability of LC - Don Brant wanted a meeting & the caucus. - Dave proposed putting off an LC Toronto meeting till early April. - ② a document, essentially right wing; of Provincial executive, document mailed 8th Jan. [Johnson, Hopkins, refused to sign it]. Tentatively MAR 16, joint Dovercourt-MTAC. [Report on internal communications]

[10.30]

- Evaluation of convention and future direction. (Ella) we have missed the dynamic, too late for LC evaluation. DOVERCOURT-PARKDALE on the 27th.

DAVE - motion that LC have meeting early in April. [Prov Council APR 24-5].

Educational-Harry - What are the educational needs of the branch?

External Program - through LC. mainly. Forward need not be too up-front.

Internal - need more educational on fundamentals of Marxism - Leninism. We will need more frequent meetings to ensure educationals regularly. Now they are resolved by the Editorial Board. We don't exchange ideas systematically enough. Recommendations - ① meetings should be at 1½ weeks. ② program for theoretical needs; for members and open to others. 3 or 4 classes proposed, one position on Russia, social democracy, etc solidarity, etc.

③ that meeting start with educationals and be strictly timed.

Ross stressed our press as a coordinating effort, as a collective, to say what has to be said. Some difficulties, costs, etc.

Gord - we should settle what we expect from each other. We have lost much by not having internals. Necessary to build movement.

Educationals help develop comrades as leaders.

Harry - MOTION - educational every branch meeting at the start ✓

Harry - MOTION - class series on Poland, workers state, social democracy; open to outsiders. [by god, content be deferred till next meeting, carried].

WAYNE - next meeting be on Forward - Harry proposed John Bacher to speak.

Next Meeting - Sunday night, March 7th, at 8 P.M. Educational on Forward.

At Wayne and Ella's.

Meeting of Forward Group, Sunday March 7th, 1982.

At Carr Street Court. Present were Ross, Dave T, Lane, Lord, John B., Harry, Art G. and Homily; Wayne and Ellie came later.

Chairman; Harry and Dave nominated, Harry chosen. Secretary, Art Gray.

MINUTES OF Previous Meeting were not available and postponed till the next meeting.

EDUCATIONAL - on "Forward," by John Bacher.

DISCUSSION followed on matters of layout, content and emphasis. The paper is key to the existence of the organization. We are expecting a lot from a small paper.

MOTION - by Ross, that we hold two classes on the subject of Poland, a week apart, both at the same place.

Discussion followed. The motion was carried.

The classes will be at Art Gray's, on Thursday April 8th and Friday April 16th, Lane will give the first class on Poland; and Ross the second class on the workers' states.

NDP - MTAC - There is an MTAC conference April 3. The mayoralty campaign issue will be raised. It is unrealistic to expect the MTAC executive to recommend a mayoralty campaign at present, the issue is not taken seriously. Richard Johnson, Sheppard or Gilbert would be suitable candidates. A "draft Johnson" campaign may be feasible.

MOTION - by Ross, that comrades mobilize our forces to launch a campaign to draft Johnson to run for mayor of Toronto.

DISCUSSION followed. Reaction was generally favourable. Motion withdrawn and replaced.

MOTION - by Harry, that we contact the Johnson people and others with a view to building a "draft Johnson" campaign. We do not exclude the possibility of Sheppard or Gilbert. MOTION CARRIED.

- LEFT CAUCUS - There should be a meeting soon after the MTAC meeting. There is enough money on hand to do another mailing.

- WARD 6 MEETING - The right wing turned up in force and purged the executive of leftists, including Ellie, but overreached themselves and became divided, and allowed opposition, including Ellie, to take members-at-large positions. It seems Sewell isn't running for mayor, and they wished only one candidate, Layton, to be endorsed.

SRDF - (Harry) There is nothing new to report.

TRADE UNION - A new attempt is being made to organize the Wheel-Trans workers, but

the Amalgamated Transit Union is dragging its feet on the matter. Ross suggested that Harry tell the man to see some ATU stewards.

OSSF - Art Jasiyk wants Good to run with him for organizational offices.

POLISH WORKERS SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE - (Zane) - The PWSC had a national conference in Montreal, Zane attended. The movement is somewhat unclear; there are two Montreal groups; the key problem is to explain to people why we must support Solidarity. The PWSC must circulate a leaflet to the Left Caucus. There is much interest in Solidarity in the NDP but also much confusion about it.

NEW BUSINESS - We need an editorial board meeting, after preparation. Interested parties contact Ross. There are about 1,000 copies of the last issue left. The Polish dance at O'Keefe Centre will be distributed. The PNC has called for a boycott of it.

NEXT MEETING - will be Wednesday, March 17th at Dave Tomczak's house.

- The Educational Committee has not met as yet.

MOTION -

- To refer the next educational to Dave Tomczak. CARRIED.

WOMENS' DAY RALLY - The women's movement has no clear idea where it is going next. The NDP had little presence and gave no leadership. There was no focus except "Fight the Right". In a breakthrough, the Federal Gov't conceded equal pay for equal work, but this was not stressed.

CALENDAR - "Missing" is an excellent movie.

Thursday - protest meeting by students against fee hikes.

Friday - meeting of NAC for Status of Women, in Toronto.

GENERAL - the leaders of the 4th International have issued a public protest to Intercontinental Press on its approach to Poland and to Cuba's attitude toward Poland. The European group now has an English language publication.

The financial statement for the Forward Group is not ready yet.

ADJOURNMENT. 11.20 PM.

Adopted Mon 25/82

MINUTES OF Forward Group March 28, 1982 - 8:30 pm at 7 Carr Pl.

Chair: Gord Secretary John D

Attendance: Waye & Harry K will be late - at meetings.

Art absent, John B not able to make it. Homily AWR

Minutes: of meeting of March 7th read and adopted.

Minutes of meeting prior to March 7 not available, deferred to next meeting.

Membership & Contacts:

Ross reported that Art has stated that he cannot attend meetings due to bad health.

M/C that John be secretary

Zane reported on Rick Roman.

Educationals: Due to Zane asking his scheduled class be postponed, classes on Poland now set for 16th and 30th of April

Educational: Ross on the Crows Nest Rate abolition issue.

Financial Report: Gord reported on large balance overdue in dues and pledges. He is to let comrades know of each individual situation, and follow up. M/C to adopt.

NDP Dave reported on campaign to draft Johnson for the mayoralty. M/C we draft petition for an NDP mayoralty candidate with Johnson as our first choice, for presentation at MTAC conference this weekend

Report on Mudpie editorial attacking NDP in municipal elections.

Reported that OFL has established a Municipal Committee towards NDP political action support.

Left Caucus: Harry reported meeting April 21st

Harry also reported on Parkdale & Dovercourt conference attended by 55 approx., not very broad or significant in terms of future impact.

Gord reported on Teachers Education Caucus; he will stand for position on committee as OSSTF rep.

Poland: Zane reported on committee activity, with rally being organized with international speakers participating. Class series held on campus has been successful

Forward Next issue has April 12 and 19th as first deadlines for copy.

New Business: Gord delegate to OSSTF convention, which he reported on. New president Buchanan is a pro-union activist.

Next Meeting: several dates discussed. Members to be notified.

Adjournment; 11:15 PM

Adopted as read April 12th

Minutes of Forward Group, Monday April 12, 8:30 pm at 7 CarrCrt.

(Found in 1982)

Chair Gord Secretary John D.

Agenda adopted as proposed

Attendance: Homily's wife ill, Ellie late from riding exec. mtg.

Minutes: of Feb. 25 only available in draft form, will be typed for next meeting, deferred.
of March 28 adopted as read.

Membership & Contacts: Ross reported on out of date contact list.

Report by Gord on Greek NDP activist referred by Fred. C.

Educational: Dave on Our Orientation to the NDP. Discussion leading to 3 areas of future discussion: 1) what is the centre of our work 2) where the left is at in the NDP, 3) how we can integrate Forward better into our NDP work.

Future Educationals: Where the left is at in the NDP adopted for two meetings hence, after May 3. Gord nominated speaker. Next week left open.

Classes: Phoning will be done in next few days. First class this Fri is on general anti-bureaucratic struggle, second on Apr. 30th only specifics of Poland.

NDP: MTAC Dave reported on last weekend convention attended by 171 delegates. Good debate on Toronto mayoralty candidature question even tho ~~stupid~~ Ont leadership ~~interventionism~~ overplayed hand and produced non-interventionist position.

Provincial Council: Gord and Wayne reported on debate over leadership's resolution for slogan "We're listening Ontario" which was almost defeated in favour of slogan of a more militant stance. . Report on New Directions meeting and discussion of relation to Left Caucus.

Left Caucus: report by Dave that April 21 meeting will ~~be delayed~~ delayed one week as mailing is late

Polish Solidarity Committee: Zane reported on April 22 meeting

SRDF: Harry reported on new developments on several fronts.

Agenda: Wayne reported on Agenda meeting to set up Toronto writing collective and distribution. Discussion on serious shortcomings of past issues of Agenda and whether we should be associated with it.

New Business: Report on Cruise Missile anti- ar demo at Litton Industries attended by 2000.

Ross reported that RWL has offered to sell its interest in Camp Poundmaker for a price which violates intent of Camp Charter.

Next Meeting: Wed. 21st at Dave's.

Adjournment : 11:15 pm

Minutes - Forward Group, Monday, May 31st 1982

Present: Homily, Ross, Harry, Ellie, Gord, Dave T.

Regrets: Wayne, John Baker

Chair: Homily

Secretary: Dave T.

Minutes from 2 meetings previous
- delayed.
Zane, Ross, Dave T. + Gord
- Previous meeting -
- W6
- Prov. Council
- New Directions.
all discussed.

NDP - Reports:

Ross - Ward 6 / St. George.

Homily - Broadview - Greenwood / Ward 7
- discussed support re Lynn MacDonald

Left Caucus: discussion re agenda for May 12 meeting.

- decided meeting should focus on

- ① Convention report
- ② Saskatchewan election
- ③ Doctors' strike / medicare
- ④ Next 3 years
- ⑤ future plans. - forums, etc.

Dave T. Ward 2 / Parkdale.

B. Dwyer vs. Parkdale Exec

R.C.M.P.

suits re Charter of Rights + small claims court.

Next Educational

- The Left in the NDP - Homily
- for the next mtg.

Next Meeting

Sunday, May 16th. 8:00 P.M.

Ellie + Wayne's.

adjourn.

MINUTES OF JUNE 30, 1982 -- FORWARD GROUP:

1. Attendance:

- Present: Gord Doctorow, Ross Dowson, Ellie Kirzner, John Bacher, Dave T.
- Absent with reason: John Darling, Wayne Roberts, Harry Kopyto. Absent: Bob Kasher, Zane Boyd.

2. Secretary: Gord Doctorow

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

- notes of meeting of June 21 were read and adopted as information.

4. Membership & Contacts:

- no reports.

5. Educational:

- Ellie presented an internal educational on the Waffle experience in the NDP, which was followed by a discussion to prepare us for the left caucus educational on the Waffle.
- Ellie declined to be part of the left caucus panel and Gord agreed to substitute for her.

6. NDP Reports:

- discussion of Provincial Council -- it was noted that many of the delegates are riding activists and not just riding office-seekers
- report on left caucus -- left caucus meeting on Sat. of provincial council weekend confirmed that a fall conference would take place in Toronto on Oct. 1 and that a brief statement of principles would be developed to be used to identify the left caucus to NDPers and also a counter manifesto to the planned federal party manifesto (written by Peter Warrian) would be developed by the left caucus (Wayne is involved in a draft committee)

7. Socialist Rights Defence Fund:

- report by Ross
- a new press release has been drawn up and inserted in the Forward mailing
- an appeal for funds is included in this issue of Forward (summer issue)

8. FORWARD:

- Gord reviewed the key line articles in the current issue of Forward

9. New Business:

- Camp Poundmaker educationals: to be held on July 31 weekend
- Dave T. will present talk on the general economic crisis and Wayne R. will talk on the trade union perspective on the crisis
- Ross noted that he would be on a 10-day holiday at Camp Poundmaker
- Dave reported he would be on holiday for the next 6 days
- the next branch meeting will be held on Thurs. July 15 at Dave's home.

10. Adjournment at 11:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF JULY 21, 1982 -- FORWARD GROUP:

1. Attendance:

- Present: Gord Doctorow, Ross Dowson, John Bacher, Dave T., Harry Kopyto, Zane Boyd.
- Absent: John Darling, Wayne Roberts, Ellie Kirzner

2. Secretary: Gord Doctorow

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

- motion to adopt minutes of June 30 was carried.

4. Left Caucus:

- assessment was made of July 16 Left Caucus forum on Waffle -- generally quite successful both in attendance and discussion
- m/c that we propose that Left Caucus hold two public forums: one on Sask. NDP debacle for Sept. and one on Feminism and Socialism for Nov.
- discussion of joint sponsorship of Feminism forum with organizations like MTAC, Women's Committee -- meeting decided that Left Caucus should sponsor its educationals on its own
- m/c to propose that Left Caucus hold regular monthly forums

5. NDP:

- report by Gord on Vy Thompson's efforts to form an NDP disarmament committee on a metro-wide basis
- meeting agreed that either Ellie, or Gord as well as Art Jaszczyk be considered for integration into the central structure of the disarmament committee
- Gord projected the concept of an Oct. NDP metro-wide antiwar forum clued into Disarmament Week and the Toronto disarmament referendum
- discussion of comrades' roles as riding delegates to antiwar committee
- comrades gave individual reports on riding activities
- Dave reported that MTAC conference in Aug. is slated to work out a metro-wide political strategy which will include candidates and campaign people
- discussion of metro-wide issues: housing
- discussion of mayoralty -- Ross posed the idea of running a symbolic campaign for mayoralty with Ross as the candidate in view of the situation that there were no alternative candidates being posed vs. Eggleton and the sharpening social crisis demanded a socialist alternative
- m/c to continue discussion of mayoralty issue at next branch meeting.

6. Camp Poundmaker:

- agreed that we should phone Left Caucus contacts to come to Camp
- agreed that Ross be backup speaker in emergency situation

7. Socialist Rights Defence Fund:

- report by Ross on Crown's attempt to recover about \$4,000 from Ross in court costs
- agreement that Ross not go on welfare because this may prejudice his case before workers
- Harry reported that it appears that RCMPers Jawarski and Chisholm won't contest charges laid against them by Ross

8. FORWARD:

- DISCUSSION OF DISTRIBUTIONS

9. New Business:

- report by Ross on death of Roy Rosenthal
- educational discussion on current situation in the Middle East with respect to Israel's invasion of Lebanon
- discussion turned on Arafat's declaration implying recognition of Israel in return for recognition of Palestinian self-determination -- m/c to hold an educational on Palestine to be presented at a future branch meeting jointly by Gord and Harry
- next branch meeting will be held on Aug. 4.

Forward. Branch Meeting - August 4, 1982.

Attendance: Art Gray, Gord, Ellie, Harry, Dave T.

Regrets: John Darling, John Bacher, Ross, Bob Kasher,
Zane & Wayne.

Art Gray chaired the meeting, Dave T. was secretary.

1) Camp Poundmaker

M/S/C that the Branch recommend to the Ed. Board a synopsis of the talks in the next issue of Forward.

2) N.D.P.

a) Left Caucus - Dave T. reported on plans for Oct 1 & 2 Conference.

M/S/C - to ask Art Jaseych to be on anti-war panel.

- Wayne to be on "Labour & the Crisis" panel on Oct. 1.

- Dave T. to be on economic panel Oct. 2.

M/S/C - to follow up on forums for Toronto Left Caucus. - i.e. Saskatchewan defeat plus socialism +

feminism.

b) Anti-War NDP. - Gord reported on the formation of an N.D.P. anti-war committee which was having its organizational meeting the following evening. The committee will affiliate with the Toronto Disarmament Network. Gord is involved.

M/S/C to adopt general line of Gord's report.

- Gord also reported on Art J's Richmond Hill letter & action re that municipal council

- Art Gray reported on Barrie council fight.

- c) NTAC - Dave T. reported on Labour Council involvement in the municipal campaign.
- d) Agenda: There was a discussion of the contradictory nature of the latest issue. Further discussion deferred.
- 3) Educational: on the Mideast - Harry + Gord. M/S/C to have an article in next issue of Forward on the Mideast. M/S/C to have comrades work with Committee of Concerned Views.
- 4) Mayoralty: deferred
- 5) Forward Distribution: to distribute Hiroshima/Nagasaki meeting following evening.
- 6) Next Meeting: Friday, August 20th.

Adopted as read Aug. 20/82

MINUTES OF FORWARD GROUP meeting at 6 Carr Cres., Friday Aug. 20th at 8:45 pm ¹⁹⁸²

Chair: ~~John D~~ Wayne Secretary John D

Agenda: Adopted as proposed

Attendance: Harry, Dave P. away. Zane absent ed. Robert K late Present: Ross, Gord,
E Johns D. and B., Wayne & Ellie, Dave. T.

Minutes of previous meeting: adopted as read.

Membership & Contacts: Ross reported on Don B. Discussion M C Ross that Dave and Gord
be struck off to talk with him with authorization to recruit or to delay and
report back.

John B. reported on Dave D. in St. Catharines. Discussion. M/C Ross to write
him a letter asking to have a collaboration with him in NDP work Polish
solidarity work and distributing Forward in the area.

NDP - Mayoralty Campaign.

Ross reviewed issue including Rae's campaign against running an NDP candidate
and subsequent developments. New issues such as wage controls, housing and un-
employment join war referendum. Threat of entry of Sewell into campaign,
possibility of running Ross as a candidate in view of failure of NDP to act.

Discussion. M/C we raise question at MTAC of re-opening mayoralty question
via a letter signed by Ross outlining why NDP should reconsider the question.
Discussion of merit of us running Ross as a candidate.

RCMP: Report that SRDF moving into period of activity as Small Claims court case opens
Oct. 12, next appeal to Supreme Court soon after

Anti-War: Gord reported on NDP Anti-War Committee, which plans forum on Oct. 26 at
DISE with Berton, Jewett, Suzuki, Rae, etc. Discussion of others who might
appear and chair. M/C that Gord be asked to make this work his primary field
of activity for period ahead.

Left Caucus: (Art agrees to be spokesman ???—

Poland: Ross reported Zane active recently, very significant discussions on dynamics
of situation in Poland now available in recent Bulletins. Locally problem of
dealing with right wing on solidarity movement dealt with and local committee
reaffirmed Solidarity's demands. Demonstration coming up.

Forward: Distributions slow so far during summer; Polish demo and Labor Day coming up.

Headquarters: Forward must move its locale by end of month ~~and~~ as print shop is
expanding and needs space. Ross is authorized to find a new locale for about
\$150

Camp; Discussion re holding Thanksgiving Day weekend at Camp P.

Adjournment: at 11:15 PM

Next meeting: next Wednesday.

FORWARD GROUP MEETING -- Sept. 1/82

Chair: Gord

Secr.: Zane

Attendance: Present -- John B., Ross, Gord, Harry, Dave T., Zane;
Late: Ellie; Absent with reason: Bob K. and John D.

Membership & Contacts

- report by Ross and Dave Garon of Montreal
- report on Don B. He must be followed up on and worked closely with in his campaign
- m/c to invite Dave D. to next meeting
- m/c to advance to Ed R, the cost of the return fare to meetings
- report by Zane on George L. We should invite him to socials and have individual talks with him.

Educational

- Ross on pacifism
- m/c to carry on the discussion next meeting, focusing on the Soviet aspect, the unilateral question, the composition of the antiwar movement
- Gord and Zane will prepare the discussion

NDP

MTAC report by Dave

- Dave just spoke to Don B. The executive meeting is going well, \$3000 has been committed; the question of the \$200 sum has not been raised
- 7 of 8 candidates are running in York inspite of Rae's opposition, including a candidate in Oriole
- August conference was discussed
- Sewall has confided to Rosss that he is definitely not running
- in York East, Lois Cox has projected that the two incumbents should be able to run endorsed, but that the newcomers must be nominated; Dave will be speaking at the next meeting and will argue that it is best that new candidates be nominated, but that endorsement is better than nothing

Antiwar Report by Gord

- report on the Oct. 26 forum:
Jewitt can't speak; there's no commitment yet from Berton; we are going for Heap, Rae, and Suzuki; Dr. Frank Sommers is confirmed; Lynn Macdonald is being projected for chairperson; Joe Hall, Marie-Lynn Hammond will entertain, and we are going for Nancy White as well.
- other preparations are going smoothly. A lit table will be set up open to all antiwar groups. We will be on the Network calendar. An NDP pamphlet on its antiwar position will be drawn up, with Simon, Vi T., Larry ~~Brown~~ and Gord involved. Laura P. has proposed to the prov. office that the committee be recognized, be financed, and that NDP contingents participate. The Cruise conversion project made a presentation to the committee encouraging participation in the Oct 30 Ottawa demonstration. Jewitt will be speaking of the committee
Gord has been projected for chairperson, and to make the fund appeal.
MTAC endorsement must be sought.
m/c to adopt the report.

Left Caucus report

-- Dave Patterson is committed to ~~participate~~ come to the Labour and the Economy/Crisis forum and conference, Oct. 1 & 2. There'll be a fuller report next meeting. The agenda has already been set.

Forward and Labour Day Report .

Poland Report by Zane

-- the PWSC met yesterday to discuss future orientation towards defense of Solidarity. It was decided to explore setting up a united coordinating committee based on Solidarity's main three demands and to work closely with Zygmunt P. and the Solidarity Information Office. Exploring the setting up of a Labour Committee for solidarity defense was also projected; committee members, including Zane, will speak to Lou Lenkinsky and perhaps Wally Majesky on this.

~~The PWSC will~~ The August 31 demonstration in Toronto was small in terms of drawing out non-Polish and trade union rank-and-file participation. The PWSC's participation was fairly successful, although hastily prepared. The organization of the demo reflected the problems involved in building a broadly based, united defense. The PWSC will leaflet the Labour Day demo and will ~~try to~~ approach the Labour Council to participate ~~in~~ with banners and placards.

SRDF Report

The trial date has been set for Oct. 12; The Law Union Security Group Project will be meeting Sept. 14 to decide its strategy. There is also a Law Union fundraising conference this month. ~~Harry and Ross~~ It was agreed that Harry and Ross must meet right away to discuss our organization and promotion of the case.

m/c that Harry be excused from the meeting

New Headquarters Report by Ross

New Business

m/c that the next meeting be Friday, Sept. 10 at the new HQ.

m/c to adjourn

FORWARD GROUP MEETING -- 22 Sept. 1982

Chair: Harry K.

Secretary: Zane

Attendance: Harry, Dave T., Ross, John B., Ellie K., Zane;

late: Gord

m/c to adopt minutes of last meeting as amended.

Memb. & Contacts

- m/c to seat Don B.

- John B. phoned Dave Dory, but was unable to contact; left a message re tonite's meeting.

- Ross reported on Guy McGuire. Guy phoned at last minute to say he couldn't make tonite's meeting, but that he would be at next meeting. m/c to accept Guy M. at next branch meeting.

- Ross reported on Dave P.: sent him a letter; ~~Dave~~ the branch must move to weekend meetings to accommodate him.

Forward Report (Ross)

- we exhausted our supply of the last issue at yesterday's OPSEU and teachers' demonstrations

- we must get to work immediately on the next issue.

NDP Report (Dave)

- Ward 6 may decide to make Sue Sparrow zone captain against Heap's opposition

- m/c that we uphold the authority of the campaign committee to choose zone captains at its own discretion and that Dave be authorized to issue a simple statement defending the campaign committee

- brief reports on Layton campaign, problems in St. George, and on Don' campaign

Left Caucus:

- report and discussion on Alternative Statement/Manifesto to be projected at Left Caucus meeting under discussion on Economic Situation. Ross questioned our ability to project a manifesto at this time; suggested we issue a critique instead; discussion.

- we must approach Wayne about considering a critique or alternative statement to the Federal NDP with reports on major aspects of federal policy

- Dave will have a discussion with Wayne on this; Ross will make himself available.

Report and discussion on the antiwar question in Don's campaign.

m/c to excuse Dave from the meeting

Antiwar Report

- committee is moving on leaflet, pamphlet by ~~Don Hoop~~, final speakers

- the committee's having to get involved in Oct. 30 action

- NDP workshop is being considered in Ottawa.

Supreme Court

SRDF Report by Harry

- suit has been adjourned to January

- Law Union decided to ~~cancel its conference~~ ^{cancel} ~~Abel~~
executive reaffirmed not to discuss the Middle East

m/c to adjourn

FORWARD MEETING - WED. OCT. 13, 1982
convened at 8:25 p.m.

Chair: ~~XXXX~~ Dave T.

Secretary: Zane

Minutes: m/c to defer to next meeting

Membership & Contacts

- report by Ross on Anne D.: Gord spoke with and proposed that Anne join; it was decided to defer further discussion until Gord D. gets here
- Report by Ross on David Garon: Ross has written him suggesting we meet with him in Ottawa Oct. 30 and that he write an article on present developments in Quebec;
m/c that comrades in Ottawa be authorized to approach Dave G. for membership

Attendance: present: Dave T., Ross, John B., Don G., Wayne, Zane, Harry; Gord late; John D. busy at work; no indication from Ed R.; Bob K. in Winnipeg

NDP Report

Ward Campaigns:

- in Ward 6, Sewell has endorsed Layton campaign
- in Don Mills, Connie's attempt to downplay her NDP connection has been reversed; Dave came to yesterday's meeting; there'll be a party Sunday

MTAC

- report and discussion on Don Armstrong's campaign for mayor

McDonald Campaign: report and discussion

Anne Dowson's Membership Application (report by Gord)

- m/c to defer recruitment of Anne until Oct. 30 when we will try to speak with both her and Denis with a view to recruiting both

Left Caucus Report (Dave)

- Report on Oct. 1-2 Conference:
low turnout was expected, considering amount of time and preparation and timing within mid-election campaigns

m/c to have a meeting to have a preliminary discussion of the (discussion) manifesto Sunday evening, Oct. 17 and to ask Wayne to lead the

m/c to organize a Left Caucus meeting of Provincial Council delegates late Saturday afternoon (Oct. 23)

m/c to adjourn 10:55 p.m.

Fwd Gp Oct 18/82

Convened 8:58 pm.

Chair: ~~Z~~ J. Bacher.

Secretary: Zane

Minutes in.

Attendance: present: Ron, Wayne, Ellie, Harry, John B, Zane
late Dave T.; Don + Jim absent to reason;
Guy not informed.

Poland (Report by Zane)

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NOP : Proor. Cnd Mtg

- ~~meet~~

- meeting of L.C. / 5 pm Sat.

- will cancel Indbny conference

- ~~assign persons to draft~~

- ~~before~~ statements of L. Cancers; preparation for discussions
on Manifesto

either - ① make preliminary outline of their document

② come out immediately & compile ~~first~~ document

Date: clearly mood at ~~the~~ CC Conf. for alt^v document.



(idea must make critique)

m/ to get immediately the draft document of leadership and ~~start~~ and discussion critique through the steering committee with a view to possibly issuing a counter-document at ~~at~~ a later stage

m amend the above)

m/c (to ~~authoriz~~ committee to draft critique and get this out for discussion. ~~That the steering committee~~ ^{that the steering committee} take first steps to draw up counter manifesto for January conference (esp doc^{nt} + written) ^{message})

- all reg^t centres meet in Nov to discuss critiques
- late Nov mtg to circulate ~~extra~~ critiques
- for Janst steu of steering com draw draft of what shd be in counter-document & ready of mailing for Jan. conf^{nt}

m/c adjourn 11:10.

MINUTES OF FORWARD GROUP, held at HQ Wed . Nov. 3/82 at 8:15 PM

Chair: Ellie Secretary John D.
No Minuts available for reading.

M/C reading be tabled for next meeting.

Attendance: Wayne late, Zane absent. Brant campaigning. Present: Ross, Ellie, Gord,
John D. John B., Homily, Harry K (Dave T).

Membership: Ross reported not meeting David G. at Ottawa, a contact from Montreal.

Ross reported on discussion with Ann. No further action to be taken as Danis not back from Europe.

Anti-War Mvt.: Gord reported on Oct. 26 Anti-War Forum (NDP): a success. Hartman among speakers present. Also, anti-war button distributed, leaflet printed, circulated in Ottawa and Toronto rallies. 350 there, made good Disarmament network contacts.

October 20th: 15 to 20 thousand in Ottawa, where a small disarmament forum was also set up. (Rallies also in Vncr and Edmonton). Largely pacifist in tone, only we and IS carried anti-NATO position.

Discussion. Ross reported many young people there, Forward only paper distributed free.

Anti-war seminar poorly attended, on low level.

Planning to consolidate contacts with social Nov. 20th.

—Nov. 11 rally at Litton Ind.: we have been approached to support, which we have decided upon without getting involved in civil disobedience. M/C to adopt report.

NDP: Civic Election campaign:

Ross reported on Ward 6 where Layton campaign poor programmatically, upstaged by Chong's suggestion to have city buy out Cadillac-Fairview and set up low cost condos and apartments. Harry reported on his riding. Dave reported Don Brant in trouble carrying campaign by himself. Discussion to aid him in campaign if possible.

Gord reported threats of expulsion against RWL mayoralty candidates which have not however ~~xxx~~ come to Prov. Council yet. Discussion. Dave. also reported on press attacks against him as civil servant and political activist.

Law Union Conf: Harry reported on conference where Morgenthau played major role with announcement to set up abortion clinics outside hospitals. Discussion on wisdom of following his request to ask A-G's in Ont. and Man. not to allow prosecution against him employing same privileged protection we have fought against in RCMP case. Decided to ask him to appeal instead to Man. gov't to accredit his clinic. Discussion on Middle East put off by L.U. on grounds of divisiveness probably justified Motion to support Solidarity however defeated.

Poland: Harry reported on Nov. 6 Conf. which founded new Solidarity Support Committee. Dave reported this Sat. meeting held by NDP at U. of T. in support of Solidarity., and another forum to be held ~~in~~ in Jan.

Forward: Next issue facing ~~xxx~~ dead deadline on 14th. Money required to pay for next issue.

Finance: Gord reported we need post dated cheques to pay rent and finance next Forward M/C Ross that due to pressure of time on Gord we strike off a new Treasurer at next meeting.

Campus: John reported that as Pres. of Grad Union at MacMaster he is heading investigation group probing circumstances of Wayne's loss of contact there, certain irregularities ~~is~~ committed by right-wing department heads.

NDP: Left Caucus meeting of 35 held at Prov. Council, where it decided to hold next meeting in Sudbury with some degree of mandated votes. Discussion on impracticality of mandating ~~xxxx~~ voting procedure, and problems in composition of a counter-document to leadership (which has not yet produced its Manifesto) M/C we should recommend to ~~xxxxxxx~~. Exec. Cttee that LC should subsidize travel expenses of out-of-towners like those from Sudbury on trips to Toronto by raising the necessary money.

Calendar: We should mobilize to attend Solidarity meeting this Sat, Litton demo Nov. 11th.

Next Meeting: Monday 15th.

Adjournment: at 10:45 PM

MINUTES OF DEC 19, 1982 -- FORWARD GROUP:

1. Attendance:
 - Present: Gord Doctorow, Ross Dowson, Dave T., Zane Boyd, Don Brant.
 - Absent: John Darling, Bob Kasher
 - Absent with reason: Wayne Roberts, Ellie Kirzner, Harry Kopyto
2. Secretary: Gord Doctorow
3. Minutes of Previous Meetings:
 - m/c to adopt minutes of Nov. 29 as information.
4. Membership & Contacts:
 - Ross reported on Riva Lila -- Indian from Delhi who lives in Hamilton -- recommended that Hamilton comrades keep in contact with him as a favorable contact
 - discussion of George (Polish contact) -- Ross and Zane recommended that we regard him as a close contact
5. Educational:
 - Ross reviewed crisis confronting Maoist currents in En Lutte and Workers Communist Party (official Maoist grouping)
 - these currents appear to be disintegrating without abandoning their revolutionary and Marxist commitment
 - these currents are evaluating their previous ultra-revolutionary view of the Canadian situation
 - strongest areas of concern -- Quebec, woman question
 - we agreed that Ross would write an article for Forward addressed to these currents and posing the NDP as a central arena of political activity
6. Forward:
 - agreed that it was necessary for the editorial board to take up the issue of the federal NDP manifesto for inclusion in Forward
 - m/c to refer paper to another meeting of the editorial cttee.
7. NDP:
 - report by Dave on debates at Provincial Council on Dec. 12 - 13
 - report on Left Caucus -- problem of several counter-manifestos being proposed -- we need to slow this down
8. Antiwar Committee:
 - Gord reported that cttee was starting to move out on the police harassment of Cruise Missile protestors -- our aim is to get a public statement of protest through elected NDPers like Heap, Gilbert, and Cassidy
9. New Business:
 - next branch meeting to be held on Jan. 5, 1983

MINUTES OF JAN. 16, 1983 -- FORWARD GROUP:

1. Attendance:

- Present: Gord Doctorow, Ross Dowson, Don Brant, Zane Boyd, John Darling
- Absent with reason: John Bacher

2. Secretary: Gord Doctorow

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

- m/c to adopt minutes of Dec. 19 as read
- rump meeting was held on Jan. 5/83 -- no minutes because of low attendance (possibly due to confusion about date)

4. Membership & Contacts:

- Zane has started feeding material to George (Polish Solidarity Work)
- Ross raised question of editor's name on masthead of Forward, especially since he is not involved in the paper

5. Educational:

- Zane spoke on Polish struggle and documents of the Solidarity Movement

6. Dues and Pledges:

- our total accounts amount to about \$2000
- need financial report

7. NDP:

- m/c that our position in Left Caucus Steering Committee be that we only go so far as to put the Left Caucus on the alert pending receipt of leadership manifesto, if one is received
- m/c that we propose in Left Caucus Steering Cttee that Left Caucus is in paralysis because of inactivity and that we move to establish in Left Caucus a forum on Bishops' statement
- m/c that we raise issue of Women's Committee to Steering Committee (Gord reported on right wing's manoeuvre to get new slate)
- Gord reported on Antiwar Committee
- m/c to propose more Left Caucus speakers to play role in Antiwar Committee -- refer to Left Caucus Steering Committee

8. Forward:

- report by Ross on deadlines and progress of paper (Oct. 18 and 25)
- report on Marxist in March in Winnipeg

9. New Business:

- Zane reported on CLC's firing of Zygmunt P. as Canadian Solidarity Rep -- apparently conflict between Zygmunt and Solidarity rep. in Brussels office
- meeting of trade union committee of Solidarity Support Committee is planned with CLC officers in charge in order to cement relations
- report by Gord on OSSTF annual assembly selection of delegates -- Gord and Art were defeated (partly due to gossip campaign)
- calendar of events was read

10. Adjournment at 12:40 p.m.

(Found in 1983)

MINUTES OF MEETING OF FORWARD GROUP, January 26th (Wed) at HQ, 8:30 PM

Chair: Bob K. Secretary John D.

Attendance: Present: Wayen, Ellie, Ross, Harry K Dave T., Bob K., John D. Excused: Bacher, Zene. Don B. and Dave P. not heard from.

Minutes: of last meeting not available, tabled to next meeting.

Membership & Contacts: Ross reported on George ~~A.L.~~

Harry on Chris Ross, Bob on Laura P.

Educational: ~~Wayen~~ Waye on leadership manifesto. Discussion on need for counter-document

NDP Left Caucus conference this Sat to be kicked off with talk by Gregory Baum on Bishops Document. Discussion on agenda; Wayne to present Warrian document ~~critique~~ critique, recommendation for responsible psots on Steering Committee (Treasurer and Secretary), anti-war and women's report, party in evening.

Polish work: Dave reported St. a & P rally planned with Rae speaking, in defence of Solidarity militants charged with sedition.

Ross reported Zane at work on Polish Solidarity meeting, and that a statement was being drawn up for an ad in the Globe & Mail, with list of endorsers.

Also reported on meeting with OFL ~~per~~ unionists connected with Solidarity who dissassociated themselves from the break with Zygmunt.

SRDF: Harry reported on 2 developments: 1) The appeal to the Supreme court was won and will be heard on march 24. Discussed possiiblity of getting ~~NDP~~ ^{in Ottawa} ~~NDP~~ers to demonstrate during hearing, Ross to contact Anne.

2) Small Claims Court case: Harry intends to issue subpoena atainst officers of ~~RCMP~~ ^{RCMP} to force them to divulge information.
Ont. A.G.

New Business: ndp Women's conf. - no report at this meeting.

Forward: Ross reported articles still bogged down, some articles ready to set soon.

More "ew Business: Harry reported on plan to initiate appeal to McMurtry not to take action against opening of abortion clinics in Ont.

Dave T. reported on Meeting of Metro Tenants Assn with Jack Layton attended by 300. Plan Gardens rally but issues confused.

Adjournment: 10:30

Next meeting one week Sunday at 10 am.

drawed to adapt M/C

MINUTES OF FORWARD GROUP, Sunday Feb. 6/83 at 10:30 am

Chair: Gord Secretary: John D

Attendance: Dave T. excused. Wayne, Ellie, John B. not heard from.

present: ~~Zane~~ Zane, Ross, Harry K., Don B., John D and Gord.

Minutes: Minutes of Jan. 26th read and adopted.

Minutes of meeting previous to Jan. 26th not available.

Ross reported on Ottawa meeting of IS lwhere Wayne as guest speaker is billed as believing in parliamentary road to socialism vs. their "revolutionary" road, and he phoned Wayne about the billing.

Ross reported on Denis' activities in Montreal

Membership & Contacts: REport on George L.; Gordon reported on Laura P., Kimberley and Jan. N.

Educational: Ross on Our Tasks - 4 major tasks: Refuse the Cruise campaign, Solidarity with Solidarity campaign, the Left Caucus Manifesto, Dowson vs. the RCMP cases, and discussion on importance of Forward.

M/C to adopt proposals by Ross

M/C that comrades allocate themselves to one of these 4 areas

M/C that comrades be scheduled to give educationals from time to time in branch to develop themselves as leaders.

NDP - Left Caucus: report and discussion on LC counter-manifesto - Harry is working on a draft. Agreed manifesto should have a clear, direct socialist class line. Reported George L. to speak on Solidarity Cttee at meeting of LC.

Anti-War: Gord reported on anti- Cruise campaign. Discussion on how to get it rolling, as organizers are waiting for gov't signature on US-testing agreement. Decision to call Jewett in Vancouver for her information.

Poland: Zane reported on OFT trade union meeting, where an office is to be maintained, with a new international representative assigned by Brussels, a KOR supporter.

A statement on the Defence of Solidarity members has been sent out to prospective supporters, and a petition and fund-raising sheet is being prepared to send out, with the aim of raising at least \$4500 by Feb. 15th for a newspaper ad.

Harry reported he is seeking to get lawyers to sign petition.

Forward: Ross reported key articles not yet ready for next issue and that we cannot ~~day~~ delay much longer. Clipping files are up to date.

Law Union: Harry reported that Roach and Copeland are running for Law Society positions. LU is organizing a debate on the Middle East as anti-Zionist ferment is developing in Toronto area.

LU has endorsed the Solidarity Committee as a sponsor.

New Business: Question of Sunday meetings discussed. Proposed meeting next Monday 14th

Adjournment: at 12:15 pm.

M/C

Minutes of: March 1 (Found in 1983)

Attendance: Ross, Dave T. Homily, Kimberley, John Bacher.
Absent: Zane, Harry Kopito, John Darling
Secretary: Kimberley
Chair: Homily

Minutes: not available, tabled to next meeting

Correspondence: Letter from Gourd, descriptive observations of the political climate in the various countries he has visited.

- John ^{Glen} Darling received a letter from a comrade in Detroit who was expelled from the SWP, he sent some material to John

- Anne is showing video of 'RCMP^{tr} on trial' at a meeting.

Membership & Contacts: none

Educational - John D. was to do an educational on our relationship to Socialist Action and the IV International.

- postponed to next meeting

- ~~Ross~~ ^{Bob Homily} proposed ~~an~~ put a semi-public educational on this topic to be held Fri Mar 16 at Kimberley's. We are to invite people close to the ~~J~~ Forward Group.

NDP Reports: Antiwar Committee:

Kimberley - PPCC experiencing a crisis of leadership, but meetings have been held to help resolve this problem - in attendance were people who consider themselves to be revolutionaries.

- office staff & work to be set up and organized within the next week.
- There will be a major Rally on March 9, and Demonstration March 10 in response to cruise testing
- There will be a co-sponsored rally of TDN + ACT on April 28th.
- Canvassing for PPCC to start in April ~~th~~.

Left Caucus: March public forum - speakers and place are settled.

April 17th forum - Kimberley to verify speakers.

- mailing of Left Caucus to be done before the next Branch Meeting

Forward Group minutes of March 7, 1983

Attendance-- Kasher, Dowson, Boyd, Kirzner, Brant, Doctorow--out of town - Kopyto, Roberts-- late or ~~absent without known reason~~ Bacher, Tomczk
Minutes--not available, deferred until next meeting

Solidarity Support work-- The advertisement publicizing the protest with initiating sponsors and projecting the committees intention to seek status before the courts in Poland appeared in G & M March 5. It has been a big success and while the whole effort was a highly forced one it has worked out so that any ill-feelings will be overcome. RD loaned \$1M to take the campaign over the hump and funds are still rolling in. Work is underway to encourage the reproduction of the ad in other magazines and papers. Koyto is arranging a meeting with other lawyers to start the process of obtaining status in the Polish court and building up support to finance the sending of several lawyers. In France preparation are being made to hold a parallel mock trial. Left Caucus--discussion on Ontario rally for preparation of Left Caucus counter-document to leaderships new Regina Manifesto. About 70 attended the Friday night meeting. The final vote on the proposed counter manifesto was approximately 50 for to 8 against, at the Saturday sessions. While there was a tendency to try to merge the Steering Committee's draft with the Wieledder draft we ~~were~~ ^{were} unsuccessful in demonstrating that the Weisleder contribution was completely counter to the Steering committees draft which for all its shortcomings provided the correct framework for a counter-document that could stimulate the formation of a viable broad left wing across the country. The Steering committee is working up a polished version in the light of the contributions made at the conference. It was generally agreed that there was no crisis to present the Left Caucus counter-document to the coming Provincial Council meeting and that it would be best that this meeting encourage a full ~~and open~~ opportunity to debate the leaderships draft.

Anti-war committee work. The NDP anti-war committee is now formally a part of the anti-Cruise coalition. A meeting has been called for March 21 to organize the trade union movement against the war drive. Over April ~~1983~~ 8-9 there will be a Metro-wide conference to organize the NDP riding associations behind the efforts of the anti-war committee. A new withdraw-from-NATO button is out

Forward- Dowson reported that as the paper will not be out in time for the Marx centenary conference in Winnipeg he has prepared two articles of direct interest to those in attendance in the form of leaflets which he intends to distribute there. He is leaving on the 10th and Art Gray has made a \$50 contribution to the \$234 airfare. Podolak is putting him up

~~Next meeting educational~~ none

Next meeting educational by Zane on how present the role of the Soviet bureaucracy in the US imperialist nuclear arms and war drive.

~~meeting adjourned~~ Next meeting Wednesday March 23rd

meeting adjourned

MINUTES

Held on the 6th day of April, 1983

Chair:

D. Tomzack

Attendance:

D. Tomzack, Harry Kopyto, Gord Doctorow
Ross D. ~~Doctorow~~
Away with reason: Zane Boyd, W. Roberts
Ellie

Membership and
Contacts:

Reports on Steve D. ~~Doctorow~~, George L.
Key activists in solidarity work are good contacts
and we should continue working closely with them.
Discussion re: Zane Boyd

NDP Report

(i) Left Caucus Statement:

encourage the
M/C to print 1,000 copies and distribute
across country.

Press conference is being planned to announce
statement's release. Process of getting state-
ment out was undemocratic. *due to lack of*

structure of left caucus
Left Caucus:

Meeting of left caucus (~~regional~~) ~~meeting~~ in
Toronto will be held next Wednesday to
discuss how to promote left caucus statement.

M/C to strike off persons to *be suggested to* function as
secretary, treasurer and chairperson subject
to ~~ratification~~ *discussion*. We should support Dave
T. for chairperson at left caucus
meeting.

Federal Convention:

Gord Doctorow reported on some anti-war
resolutions. All comrades encouraged to
stand as delegates.

M.T.A.C.:

Next forward meeting will discuss Dave
T. role in M.T.A.C.

NDP Anti-War Conference;

Report by Gord Doctorow on NDP anti-war conference.
M/C to adopt report as information.

Solidarity Defence Work:

Report by Ross ~~Doctorow~~ Prystikewicz moving to right.
We should find a way to ^{have meeting} dissociate from him. Friday
night meeting being built as united ^{RON} format. A
successful meeting is anticipated. M/C to adopt
report as information.

New Business:

Report on Dowson suits. Both suits are expected to
got to court in May. Report on OCALA plan/series at
Harry Kopyto's on dynamics of ^{would} ~~revolution~~ commencing in May.

M/C to adjourn: 10:20 p.m.

*to set up an organization.
Feeling assessment was
that such project unlikely
to succeed. M.C. held
3 class*

Minutes of The Forward Group

May 3, 1983
~~May 3, 1983~~

Minutes of previous meeting read. Motion that the minutes be recorded is less detail and more ~~circumspetly~~ ~~circumspectly~~ - passed. Adopt the minutes as ~~revised~~ ~~revised~~ ~~revised~~ modified --- passed

Attendance; Zane absent to attend Polish Committee meeting. David absent to attend MTAC. Don phoned in--ill. Bacher in Saskatoon--unaccounted for Wayne, Ellie, John D

R.D. — Report ~~on~~ Bacher ~~on~~ progress of suit re Wayne's job at McMaster

Report on Polish work: discussion on participation in May Day Action. Ross reported that he is asking three of our contacts in this area- Steve, George and Paul to participate in our coming class

NDP- Apparently no big issues coming up at MTAC but we are pressing through MTACs endorsement of the NDP Anti-war Committee to attempt to win real participation in the coming antiwar mobilization--against the Cruise testing. It appears that the Ontario leadership are contemplating moving in on MTAC and there are rumours that they will make an effort to elect a new chairman. WE would like nothing more than a real mobilization to build MTAC but we are agreed that we should seek Dave's re-election. Some discussion about Dave moving in the direction of giving the Left Caucus a real lift. Dave report that he saw no conflict ~~agreed~~ that Left Caucus now with the Manifesto can provide a real opportunity for effective socialist activity but MTAC at this time makes no substantial challenge of time. Agreed that Dave run for chairman of MTAC and we get behind that effort --- passed

Report on the NDP anti-war activity. Two projects now being lined up. A campaign to mobilize forces behind Richard Johnston's nuclear free zone proposition raised through a leaflet distributed at the democ. Spring Fair project at Harbour Front underway with Harry and Kimberley assuming considerable responsibility. Reprt that Anti-Cruise Testing --ACT is holding a conference over May 14-15 at City Hall. Discussion on ACT decision to hold a short protest action on refusal of the police to allow the march on to Yonge Street. The CP was censured. An estimated 23,000 were on the demo which was a stunning success on all counts. Toronto Solidarity Support Committee participated with its banner and there was a successful ~~demonstration~~ distribution of the leaflet protesting frame-up trial preparations. Next action being prepared is Hiroshima Day

Left Caucus Executive met- Considerable success in obtaining prominent NDP leftists to sign agreement with Manifesto. There will be a mailing in two weeks

Coming federal NDP convention--- Harry and Gord informed us of intention to attend Report by Harry that visas will be available once we get firm info on the projected trials in Poland by May 16. He phoned Bruxelles today but could not get through

Next meeting of Forward Wednesday May 18, 1983

MINUTES

FORWARD MEETING: May 19, 1983

M/C to nominate Johnas Chairman
M/C to elect Harry as secretary
M/C to adopt May 3rd Minutes as read
M/C to adopt agenda

Present: Gord, John, John, Ross, Dave, Harry, Don

NDP Report on NDP Manifesto

Press release is out and press is alerted to existence of Manifesto Discussion of content and circulation of Manifesto. John Harvey advised Dave that leadership will attempt to keep discussion of Manifesto off convention floor.

Report by Dave that there will be a June 11th Ontario-wide left caucus meeting. Discussion was started concerning whether we should proceed with conference as Ontario left caucus or Toronto conference.

Report by Dave on Provincial Council meeting. We should seek ways of taking the political initiative at council meetings

Discussion of Educational Classes

First class will be held Wednesday at Harry Paine's
Two more are projected.

Report on Ottawa Panitch group meeting.

RCMP suit

Report on May 24th Small Claims Court action and June 9th Supreme Court action by Harry.

MTAC Report by Dave on attempt of coalition of ex-Reform metro and right wingers to move in on MTAC. Strong response from labour and others helped block move. MTAC's authority seems to be growing with deeper commitment and support for party officials and labour.

Educational by Ross on anti-war activity unilateralism and bilateralism.

Report by Harry on application to obtain visa to enter Poland to observe Solidarity trials

Next branch meeting May 30, 1983

FORWARD MINUTES OF MEETING

June 13, 1983 - 8:30 p.m.

M/C to nominate Bob as Chairman
M/C to elect Harry as Secretary
M/C to adopt agenda

ATTENDANCE: Ross, Harry, Don, Gord, Dave

MEMBERSHIP AND CONTRACTS:

Report on Wayne's job as editor of QWL Focus. Consensus was that Wayne's job compromises him politically. Comrades feel that Wayne's integrity as an active leftwinger, let alone as a revolutionary socialist, is at stake. Gord and Harry will meet Wayne to clarify this point as well as his membership in Forward

M/C to drop ~~Zane~~ from membership for medical reasons without prejudice.

CLASSES:

Report on classes at Harry Paine's. Attendance is modest and levels of presentation vary but class is worthwhile and a good opportunity for useful discussions.

EDUCATIONAL BY DON on Heap's position on use of tariff walls to protect Canadian manufacturing industries.

NDP

Left Caucus:

The last left caucus meeting was essentially positive with respectable attendance and a good morning session. The afternoon session however was disorganized and confused by various confrontations and blow-ups. Discussion centred around ways of minimizing such problems including ignoring provocative contributions from Chris Harries and other disruptive elements, improving the chairing of the meeting, etc.

Convention:

Report on correspondence and conversation with Woodsworth - Irvine group the Saskatchewan left people, etc. on Left Caucus Manifesto. The Manifesto stands on its own but we should support additions where appropriate.

FORWARD: Paper ^{almost} must set and will be off soon.

SRDF: Reception at Supreme Court of ^{Canada} Ontario to attempts to lay charges appeared sympathetic. Court reserved its decision.

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Report on refusal of VISAs to Poland.

Protests expected from labour movement and government.

Next meeting on June 23, 1983.

ADJOURNED 11:00 p.m..

Chair: Ann D.

Secretary: John D.

Agenda: Adopted as proposed

Attendance: Present: Ann D., John D., Ross D., Gord D., Harry K., Dave T.
(Don excused)

Minutes: June 13 minutes adopted as read by Harry K

Membership & Contacts Harry reported for Committee set up to meet with Wayne. Wayne evaded attempts to meet with him. Discussion. M/C to have discussion with him at NDP convention in Regina to settle question of active membership and our need to dissociate ourselves from his collaborationist job with government labor agency.

Ann reported on Denis, now living in Montreal. Recommended he be considered as sympathizer rather to approach as member at this stage. M/c to that end.

Classes: Gord reported on class given by Ann a week ago. Kimberley to speak at next class July 13th.

NDP: Left Caucus: Discussion on new "Manifesto" produced by western NDP leaders—is this new document an attempt by the leadership to undercut effect of Left Manifesto, and does its presentation open up the debate at the convention to the advantage of the Left Manifesto? We want to promote left manifesto at convention and play high socialist profile role there.

Dave reported he has copy of Sask Manifesto from Prebble & Co. which contains additions to the left manifesto.

Gord reported on the Feminist Socialist Forum due to be held soon, as many members as can should attend.

Gord reported on Anti-War committee. 20 present at a recent meeting, newsletter to come out this coming week.

Educational: No educational this week. Next meeting will be an evaluation of the NDP federal convention given by delegates.

Press: Ross reported next issue of Forward will be out Monday night.

RCMP: Harry reported Law Union organizing rally next week against Bill C129.

New Business: Dave reported on debate in NDP riding over support of Mortentaler's clinic which saw the defeat of a close Rae adviser both on question of support and mobilizing to defend it.

Ross reported on demonstration in support of clinic at City Hall last night, attended by 2000.

Poland: Harry led off discussion on Polish situation and mobilization of Solidarity sentiment as a result of Pope's visit.

Next Meeting: July 6th, a Wednesday.

Summer leaves of absences: Harry June 25 - Aug. 17

Dave July 10 - 24th

~~Ann~~ Ann July 7 - 30th

Adjournment: 10:45PM

*Adopted at July 8th /83
meeting*

FORWARD GROUP MINUTES -- AUG. 3, 1983

1. Chairperson: Harry K. Secretary: Gord D.
2. Attendance:
 - present -- Gord D., Harry K., Kimberley W., Ross D., Don B., Anne D.
 - absent with reason -- Dave T., Bob K., John D., John B., Ellie K.
3. Minutes:
 - m/c to postpone reading of minutes to next branch meeting
4. Membership & Contacts:
 - Gord welcomed Kimberley into the branch
 - m/c to approach Harry P. re recruitment
 - m/c to hold another Camp Poundmaker educational weekend -- scheduled for Aug. 27-28 weekend
 - m/c that Anne D. be assigned to report back on educational proposals for next branch meeting
 - m/c to hold a house social in Sept.
5. Educational:
 - Ross D. presented an analysis of the debate between Mandel and the SWP Central Committee on Trotskyism
 - m/c that Gord give next educational on NDP Convention
6. NDP:
 - Antiwar Committee
 - reports on ACT demo and TDN
 - AGREE WITH ACT actions to move along Yonge St -- shrewdly handled
 - support ACT's line of unilateral disarmament and anti-Cruise thrust
 - critical of TDN -- clique ridden, not correctly oriented to labor's participation, and tendency towards apoliticism which all pose possibility of realignment through NDP-labor-ACT coalition
 - Women's Committee -- Kimberley reported on upcoming abortion actions and affirmative action conference
 - Left Caucus -- debate on whether to hold a discussion in Left Caucus on evaluation of Convention
 - m/c that Harry K. propose to steering committee of Left Caucus that it prepare fall convention which would include a report on Federal Convention and project next year's work
7. New Business:
 - CLC protested to Polish Embassy re rejection of Harry K's application to travel to Poland
 - Clay Ruby was also rejected
 - next branch meeting will be on Mon. Aug. 15
8. Adjournment at 11:00 p.m.

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NDP convention to the next meeting

Educational presented by Ross.

LEFT CAUCUS

NDP Report by

Dave T.

: Next left caucus steering committee will plan fall conference. Ultra-left element will propose public meeting on NDP federal convention.

M/C to adjourn 11:05 p.m.

We should promote an educational conference attractive to the broad left in the party. However, we should plan to confront them in an open and free discussion if they take on our perspective for the left caucus. Conference should be held on last week of October. Themes for conference should include union issues, abortion, unemployment of youth, left caucus tasks, anti-cruise and left caucus manifesto.

MTAC:

Report by Dave T.

Labour Council has campaign around jobs program this fall.

NDP ANTI-WAR

COMMITTEE:

Report by Gord.

Differences were expressed over Oct. 22 demonstration in anti-war co-alition (Toronto Disarmament Network) on slogans and other issues such as position of NDP in marches. Labour seems to be moving into anti-war movement independently in conjunction with NDP.

BILL C-157

PROTEST:

Report by Anne D.

Law union initiated projects versus Bill C157. Marv Gardall spoke to recent meeting of Law Union types to support Oct. 15 demonstration versus Bill C-157. NDP and labour council to be contacted to form co-alition to plan protest and further actions at upcoming meeting August 31, 1983.

Report on Solidornosc work by Ross.

LABOUR DAY: We need mobilization to try to distribute at Toronto and Hamilton labour day parades.

Social Report adjourned to next meeting to be planned for September 5, 1983.

FORWARD GROUP MEETING -- Monday, Sep t. 5/83

Convened at 9:00 p.m.

Attendance: present - Gord D., Ross D., John B., Anne D., Zane B.
absent with reason - Harry K., John D.; ~~Zane - Dave T.~~

m/c that Anne be chairperson

m/c that Zane be secretary

Minutes: - m/c to table minutes of last meeting

- we must still obtain minutes for meeting prior to August 3 from John D.

Membership: - report and discussion on Wayne R.: Wayne was dropped, not expelled; comrades should avoid discussing internal matters with Wayne
- m/c that a comrade be struck off to see Ellie to discuss her relationship with us
- m/c that Dave be that comrade
- Kimberley is unable to come to meetings Mondays and Tuesdays
- Ross will contact Don B. to clarify his relationship with us and with NDP antiwar committee

m/c to postpone Educational to end of meeting

Lab our Day Report

- Toronto distribution of paper was successful; Solidarity presence was established through our carrying Solidarnosc banner and distributing Solidarity's address to the Western peace movement
- Ross's distribution of Forward and RCMP leaflet in Hamilton was successful and well-received
- John B. distributed St. Catharines
- NDP antiwar committee had a high presence with successful distribution of its newsletter and leaflet
- * m/c to adopt the report

NDP Report on Left Caucus steering committee last Tuesday by Anne D.

- m/c to table a full report and discussion to next meeting to be held very shortly

Antiwar Committee Report (by Gord)

- Party leadership is continuing backing off from NATO-NORAD position; is opposing a referendum on the Cruise; is nervous about an independent antiwar committee
- next issue of antiwar newsletter is very important: Ross and Gord are to meet with Kimberley this week to discuss and ~~further~~ clarify committee's relationship with ACT, TDN, and Oct. 22 committee
- on Oct. 22: ~~we have~~ committee has won its demands for representation and the presence of Labour on the platform
- the committee has decided to keep a tenuous membership in TDN
- a new executive has been elected
- the committee should begin sending representatives around to speak at riding meetings

Solidarity (Report by Zane)

- m/c to contact the Support Committee executive to call a meeting to discuss the present situation in the Solidarity support movement in Toronto

FORWARD GROUP MEETING -- Wednesday, Sept. 21/83

Convened at 8:25 p.m.

Attendance: Bob K., Zane B., Ross D., Kimberley W., Dave T.; late: Harry K.

m/c Bob K. be chairperson

m/c Zane be secretary

- Minutes:
- m/c to adopt minutes of Sept. 5
 - m/c to adopt minutes of Aug. 24
 - m/c secretary get in touch with comrades regarding business arising out of minutes which concerns them
 - m/c Zane be secretary

Membership & Contacts

- Report on Ellie by Dave: Dave contacted Ellie in attempt to arrange a meeting; nothing firm was committed; Dave will visit her in person. Discussion: we should ask Ellie what relationship she wants with us. Also, Dave should make clear to Ellie the record of our relationship with Wayne.
- Report by Ross on Don B.: it is unfeasible to attempt to force a visit with Don. Kimberley agreed to phone Don, inform him of this Sunday's antiwar steering c'tee meeting and inform him that the c'tee intends to get a new treasurer. Zane will send Don a letter informing him that we are seriously considering dropping him and asking him to respond.
- Report on Cheryl: she is very active in the antiwar committee, hard-working and dependable; we should look toward eventually recruiting her.

m/c that the item of the Educational be dropped till the end of the meeting.

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Left Caucus Report (Dave)

- at the August 30 steering c'tee meeting, the ultraleft outnumbered us 5 to 4. A compromise was reached regarding the Nov. conference: morning to be devoted to workshops on specific issues in the context of riding work; afternoon will feature a general discussion on how to build the left. Details to be left to a Steering C'tee meeting after September 30 forum. It was decided to have a public meeting right before the conference on where the NDP should be going. A second mailing for mid-October will go out ~~requesting submissions~~ which will include written submissions for discussion at the conference. We must prepare our submissions for that mailing. It was decided that the Sept. 30 forum have as its focus how to build the left (as against the ultraleft's desire for a focus on the convention) with speakers representative of the left caucus activists. Discussion:
 - m/c that comrades associated with us on the panel work out serious synthesized contributions and that the rest of us prepare short succinct contributions on specific aspects of the discussion from the floor
 - m/c we have a preliminary meeting before Sept. 30 to work out our intervention. Dave and Harry will prepare the discussion.
 - m/c the meeting be on Sunday, Sept. 25, 7:30-9:00 at Dave's

Antiwar Committee Report (Kimberley)

- meeting Thursday Sept. 15 had a small attendance reflecting the loss or ~~fx~~ lessened activity of members. The committee faces a lack of forces to handle its activities, and continues to be paralyzed by a discussion on its relationship to the ~~TDN~~ and the Oct. 22 Coalition. A steering c'tee meeting is scheduled for Sun. Sept. 25 a.m. to resolve this. The newsletter has several articles worked out and assigned. However, there is some dissention on whether to support the referendum on the cruise, although most members favour it. The committee is in debt and needs to raise funds to finance the next issue. Discussion. Zane will become more thoroughly involved in the committee

m/c to postpone riding reports to next meeting

Dowson Suit (report by Harry)

- A city-TV ~~xxxxxx~~ scoop on the case is being filmed next week with Ross and Harry in 5 dramatized 5-minute segments to ~~xx~~ appear consecutively on the 6 and 10 o'clock news sometime in October. This is a big break and comes at a very favorable time with the public debate around Bill C-127.
- The supreme Court is likely to come down with a report in the next couple of months and it is bound to be favorable to us.
- Harvey Mandel and Harry K. ~~xxxxxx~~ appeared before the Law Society of Upper Canada to advocate why Kaplan should be disciplined.

Solidarity (

- TV news report announced that the Polish government has declared it is moving to ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ trial of the Solidarnosc & KOR leaders on sedition charges. No date has been set as yet. Harry will contact Richard Kolasewicz and the Canadian Government regarding further attempts to send lawyers as soon as possible.
- Solidarity Support Committee executive has not yet met. Zane will contact Richard K. and press for an early meeting.

New Business

- CLC's organizing of an unemployed workers union is a significant development which will eclipse the Stalinists' posturing in this area. We must call for the unemployed to continue their membership in their unions.
- Chris Ross is no longer running for the federal nomination.

~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ Calendar

m/c adjourn at 10:50 p.m.

m/c to adjourn as usual

Forward Group Minutes - Monday October 10, 1983

convened about 8.20 p.m.

Attendance- John d., Ross D., Kimberley W., Harry K., Dave. T., ~~John B~~ & John B
Secretary- Ross D

Chair - ?

Minutes of Sept 21 read and adopted as read

Membership- Harry reported that Ellie would like an indefinite leave of absence
Motion that this proposal be tabled pending Dave T seeing her--agreed

Harry reported on Angie Codena who is moving close to us--attended the left
Caucus meeting and the law union- Ross D loaned her My Life by LT

NDP--- Harry reported on Left Caucus meeting--about 30 attended, not a very
positive meeting--Caucus turning in on itself. Dave's speech the only worthwhile
one- with Wayne's appearing to be designed to provoke the sectarians

Parkdale recent meeting reported on by Harry. If you love this planet shown
along with contributions by Christopher Ross and Fiona Nelson. The meeting
called in the name of Parkdale for Peace and not the NDP. This opportunism was
further expressed by Doug Little who attacked Kopyto for trying to make the
Peace question a partisan issue. Logically a motion came before the meeting
congratulating Liberal Prime Minister Trudeau for the more moderate position
he took that Regan with regards to the shooting down of the Korean plane
Lois ammended the motion by demanding he refuse the Cruise

Kimberley report on NDP anti-war committee progress towards the October 22
demo. The committee is making every effort to involve the riding associations
--trying to arrange ~~maximizing~~ speakers for riding meetings. Money is coming in
to cover cost of the paper. The articles have been assigned and it looks like
the coming issue which will be distributed on a big scale at the October 22
rally will be an effective one. The recent issue of the Ontario New Democrate
reproduced considerable material from the previous Anti-war Newsletter. It
was suggested that an article on arms production not in anyway solving unemploy-
ments would be somewhat dated in light of the war threat and to Cruise--it
was also suggested that material on the Cruise referendum and the Cruise as
violating the constitution and the BR L.P. maintaining its unilateralist posi-
tion would be very useful

Left Caucus convention to be discussed next meeting along with the contributions
by Dave, Ross and whoever to the bulletinX

Polish Solidarity--We are attempting to keep on top of reports that the KOR and
Solidarity leadership are slated to go on trial before a military court. at any
time now. Harry is ready to move first notice and contact has been made with
the Canadian office of Solidarity, with the Bruxelles office and Canadian
authorities who we have been informed also intend to monitor the trial

Dowson v RCMP-- we expect the finding of the Supreme Court on October 13.

--no date set by the Ontario Appeal Court to hear the RCMP contest Judge Zwicker
ruling. Protest action against Bill C-157 now that it has died on the order paper
will be a modest one at city hall--Ross and Harry to attend
all out to October 22 protest

MINUTES OF FORWARD GROUP MEETING - Thursday, Oct. 27/83

convened at 8:30 p.m.

Attendance: present - Harry K., Bob K., Kimberley W., Ross D., Zane B.
late - Dave T., John B.

Minutes: m/c adopt minutes of Oct. 10 as amended

Membership & Contacts:

- report on Rob Adams by Ross: comrades should make an effort to talk to and get to know him; he'll be at Left Caucus conference ... Connie Merton, with whom Rob A. associates, is also a good type, worth talking to
- Harry K. reported on Angie Codena: she'll be coming to the Left Caucus conf.
- there is no word from Dave T. yet on Ellie
- Wayne has written to Harry K. listing various grievances but offering collaboration; Ross will bring the letter to the next meeting and will prepare a discussion on this matter
- Zane will arrange a thorough discussion with George Latkiewicz to assess his overall political views and direction; Zane will also be speaking with Barry Deacon from Hamilton
- Bob K. reported on his work in the Toronto arts community, notably with the organizers of the upcoming Forbidden Films festival. Bob mentioned a few very good, political types he's been having discussions with, namely, Robin (?), David Chapman and Melissa Spohr. It was agreed Bob should continue ~~his~~ making contacts in this area ~~with~~ and should acquaint Ross with some of the goings on as he's had experience in this area too.

Educational

- Ross and John B. have been unable to get together to plan their educational.
- it was agreed that two comrades not be assigned to do an educational from now on
- m/c to have a hat box discussion on Grenada later in the meeting

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- m/c to postpone to later in the meeting following Dave's arrival

Dowson Suit (report by Ross)

- Supreme Court ruling has allowed us to proceed; date has not yet been set, so we must ~~push~~ now make an effort to have this done
- Charles Roach has approached us ~~to~~ to participate in our case; Harry K. agreed to arrange a formal meeting with Ross, Roach, Harvey Birkel, Angie Codena and himself
- Ross has completed a very large mailing (about 1000) on the suit, including an appeal for further sponsors and funds; Art Gray & Lois B. made large donations to finance the mailing
- City-TV docudrama has had a big impact; Harry K. has suggested Ross take a tape of the program on a cross-Canada tour which we may consider ~~w~~ if there is a great deal of interest
- Law Union executive has agreed to allow Harry K. to speak to the Law Union conference this weekend on the suit
- Paul Copeland has decided to split the Buchbinder case from our case in an attempt to maneuver to obtain a favorable judge, etc.

Solidarity Committee (report by Zane)

- still awaiting date of trial; we must press George to hold in the committee pending future developments
- Committee's membership conference, first in a year, is taking place Nov. 12

Educational - Hat Box on Grenada

Left Caucus (report on Nov. 4-5 conference by Dave)

- m/c that Dave field the phone list to comrades and other Caucus members
- we need to play up Stan Gray; will advertise at next Thursday's Labour Council meeting
- a showdown appears unavoidable at the conference as the so-called "right" are mobilizing forces to confront the ultraleft. We are caught in the middle and must aim to cut across the hysteria and hostility by a firm appeal

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are mobilizing forces to confront the ultraleft. We who are caught in the middle must aim to cut across the hysteria and hostility by a ~~fr~~ firm appeal for an open caucus, tolerant ~~to~~ of varying views and approaches

- It was debated whether the ultraleft should be granted representation on the new steering committee. It was agreed that this is necessary to avoid a split and to make the concept of an open caucus real. We must be prepared to nominate one of the ultraleft ourselves if it appears there is an effort to exclude them
- Bob K. raised the matter of the lack of accountability of the Steering Committee to the caucus as being a serious ongoing problem with the committee and with the life of the caucus as a whole, which has ~~enabled~~ enabled the ultraleft to score in this case valid points
- George Ehrling is pushing for a small steering committee of six. This would make impossible a politically and regionally representative ~~xxx~~ committee and would in fact establish a clique operation
- m/c that we propose a larger committee of 9
- m/c that Bob K. draft a resolution outlining the authorities of the Steering Committee and integrate the concept of accountability of the Steering Committee to the overall caucus into this resolution
- it was also agreed that we play up the Manifesto in any discussion and that we make specific, positive proposals, such as that on regular Caucus public forums

NDP ANTIWAR & RIDING REPORTS POSTPONED TO NEXT MEETING

adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

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Nov 17/83 Thurs

Chair: John B.

Sec.: Bob K.

Attendance: Ross, Dave T., John B., Bob K. present

Contacts & Memberships: Ellie K. to be dropped from membership and regarded as a sympathizer. Ross to reply to Wayne's letter.

Minutes: Tabled

Discussion on Harry Paine deferred until Kimberly arrives. ~~Hope~~ to have a talk with Cheryl Zweig.

Educational: Ross on Permanent Revolution Controversy in 4th Internat.

Defer discussion of class til next meeting.

DDP:

Left Carens - report of conference and discussion

Gen. Reports - reports on St. George, Broadview / Greenwood controversy.

Anti-war Committee - deferred til next mtg.

RAMP: Report of mtg. with Charles Beach

New Business

OCCA - Ottawa Committee of Labor Action

Motion to Adjourn

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FORWARD GROUP MINUTES: Dec. 4, 1983.

CHAIR: Zane SECRETARY: Zane

ATTENDANCE: John D., Kimberley, Zane, Dave T., Ross.

MINUTES: m/c to table minutes of last meeting.

MEMB. & CONTACTS & CORRESPONDENCE

- report by Ross on Cheryl: she is quite close to us; we should have some discussions with her.
- Anne D. was in Toronto for recent Poundmaker meeting. She brought in material from the Ottawa Left Caucus. Merv G.'s report on Nov. 5 Left Conference was read out as well as minutes of Ottawa Left Caucus meeting.
- Zane reported that due to current allergy problems, he may not be able to take on as much responsibility as hoped in the work of the NDP Antiwar Committee.

EDUCATIONAL: Ross on the nuclear arms race and our attitude to the Soviet Union

LEFT CAUCUS:

- Steering C'tee meeting is scheduled for Dec. 9. Merv. has proposed an agenda of Agenda, Federal election planning, election of co-ordinators, and forums.
- it was suggested that Mary R. and Dave T. be joint co-ordinators.
- ~~we should encourage representation from Hamilton although~~
- no committee has yet been set up. in Hamilton; however, Peter Hutton is coming to Dec. 9. meeting. London may also want to send a delegate.
- discussion on Agenda: it was agreed that ~~we~~ the Caucus should let it die and instead begin to put out a newsletter or broadsheet ~~that~~ aimed at exchanging information and experiences among the forces constituting the left caucus and ~~at~~ at discussing key aspects of the caucus program in terms of their implementation.
- ~~no forum is projected for late January~~
- ~~no forum~~ no forums are yet projected. The following were suggested as good topics: Trade Unions and the NDP;

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the David Lewis years; Dependency: the nature of the Canadian economy and Canadian nationalism.

ANTIWAR CTEE REPORT. (Zane)

- yesterday's Santa Claus parade demonstration was spirited, and got good press coverage. However, it did not ~~gather~~ have participation of the broader movement, reflecting effect of continued split between ACT and TDN.
- ~~TDN has organized a conference Dec. 10 & 11~~
- Antiwar Committee has been invited to help lead strategy workshop at TDN Conference Dec. 10 & 11.
- there ~~is not~~ does not appear to be any principled programmatic difference between ACT and TDN. We should encourage a fusion of forces.

RCMP. - Yaworski is to be subpoenaed to appear before the courts ~~soon~~ shortly

- small claims case will come ~~to~~ up again Dec. 16 with RCMP challenging the charges.
- \$2-3,000 has come in from last appeal, including sponsorship from a couple of new unions.

POLAND

- very friendly letter was received by Ross from Steve Denkowich in Spain
- Solidarity Support Committee conference last month ~~moved to~~ ^{to} attempt to exclude Harry from going to Poland and even to drop sending ~~to~~ any lawyers at all.
- Zane is on new steering committee; no others from the left attended conference. Zane has stood for new executive which holds its first meeting Dec 6. at which Zane will again protest ~~any~~ the attempt to dump the lawyers' campaign

~~THANKS~~

New Business - Provincial Council is ~~thru~~ on Dec. 9. We should write to John B. urging him to come in to left caucus steering ctee meeting.

M/c. to adjourn at 11:55 p.m.